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Members of the color guard from the Great Lakes Naval Academy walk past the new Lindenhurst Veterans Memorial during the dedication ceremony on Veterans Day. Pictured are Enrique Medina, Ryan Scalf, Roosevelt Foushee and Jacob Guy.

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# Freshman politicians prepare for state government

Bond, Cole prepare for 'boot camp' in Springfield

By KATHY GRESEY

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In about a week, Grayslake resident Michael Bond will head to Springfield to learn the ins and outs of being a state senator.

Bond, 36, was elected Nov. 7 to represent state Senate District 31. Now he is preparing for the position.

While at the state capitol next week, the senator-elect will receive information on passing legislation, establishing political offices, hiring assistants and acting ethically.

"I call it legislative boot camp," Bond said.

Earlier this month, the Democrat met with District 31 Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis, R-Zion.



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Sandy Cole and Michael Bond congratulate each other on their election night wins. Cole was elected state representative in District 62 and Bond was elected to the state senate in District 31.

Bond said the experienced senator has been helpful in a number of ways.

"She's providing me with a lot of good advice," he said. "And she's providing me with possible use of her facility and staff. We're working together on the transition. She's just a ware-

house of knowledge."

Once he begins working in Springfield, Bond said, he will undertake several tasks.

Passing the state's \$100 million stem-cell-research funding plan will be one of his first priorities, he said. Funding for the proposal would come from

Illinois' tobacco settlement proceeds.

"I think it's something we can move on really quickly," Bond said. "I fully support that."

Bond said he also would like to start a debate on the senate floor about the property tax system and how to fund education. Additionally, he wants to bring more road dollars back to Lake County.

As an Allstate Insurance Co. executive and a Woodland District 50 board member, Bond is busy sorting out the details of his life.

Though he will not work at Allstate while in office, the soon-to-be senator will complete the remaining half of his term on the school board.

"If I step away right now, I would be really concerned about the future of the district," he said. "I want to see what we can do in the next two years to put Woodland [District 50] on financially strong footing. The reasons I want to stay on are really the reasons I ran in the first place."

## 'A way to connect'

Back when Sandy Cole first ran for Lake County Board 10 years ago, her young children were embarrassed to be picked up from school in a car that had "vote for Sandy Cole" signs on it. Back then, Cole gave them the alternative of taking the school bus. Now that their mom has been elected state representative for District 62, things are a little different.

"The kids are excited," Cole said. "It's been good to have them behind me."

After her narrow victory over Democratic candidate Sharyn Elman, Cole said she's still taking the whole thing in.

"I'm real excited, but it's taking a while to sink in," she said.

Cole said that it has been nice not going door to door to campaign anymore, especially since the weather has turned cold, but she said she really enjoyed it.

"It's a real way to connect with the people," she said.

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# Local history safe, warm in new homes

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Those are great newspaper names. And they're among the last few dozen bound volumes remaining in our basement at 30 S. Whitney St.

The Journal is moving to a new home this month, one that won't accommodate the decades of old newspapers we have had stored downstairs.

Our appeal for caring homes for local history brought an encouraging response

from librarians, historians and other interested people.

To date, folks from Antioch, Fox Lake, Grayslake, Gurnee, Round Lake and Wauconda have picked up papers for their communities. Lake Villa/Lindenhurst is in process.

That leaves only a few titles looking for new quarters.

Those include the Patriot and Crier, along with North Chicago Tribune, Frontier/Lake Zurich Enterprise, and

Mundelein News. We even have a few volumes of Lincolnshire News and Kenosha County Times.

A stray Fox Lake Press, one volume of Grayslake Times, and a Bi-State Reporter also got overlooked in the evacuation.

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Other comments about our work? You can write anytime to lough@nwnewsgroup.com.

Thanks for reading the Journal.

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"A school district can't go belly up [from TIF,] but it can go into austerity."  
—Lindenhurst resident Rebecca Gundlach on the the proposed tax increment financing district. (see story on A10)

## LINDENHURST



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Adam Bolenbaugh (far left) raises the American and POW flag with Darrelle Moore and Jean Rene, during the dedication ceremony of the Lindenhurst Veterans Memorial. All are from Great Lakes Naval Academy.

# Crowd gathers to dedicate memorial

By TARA CLIFTON

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LINDENHURST — Singing voices and band instruments could be heard from Linden Plaza, as the tune of "God Bless America" drifted over from village hall.

This was just one way that more than 250 people participated in the dedication ceremony of the new Lindenhurst Veterans Memorial on Saturday, Nov. 11. This is the village's first monument, Mayor James Betustak said.

He spoke to the audience on that gray, windy day about the memorial being not only an honor to past and present military members, but also a sign of the village's growth.

"I'm going to hold back a tear, like I know many of you are probably doing," Betustak said. "Thank you to the women and men who have made us proud. This one's for you."

The crowd gathered in front



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U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean, D-Barrington, talks to the crowd during the dedication ceremony of the new Lindenhurst Veterans Memorial on Veterans Day.

of the monument, featuring five black granite slabs with a black granite arch over each one.

Each slab represented a branch of the military and the arch symbolized their unity. Water flowed around the gran-

ite, which was meant to remind memorial visitors of the tears that have been shed for those who have been lost.

Military personnel raised five flags above the memorial: a U.S. flag, a state flag, a POW/MIA flag, and

Lindenhurst's flag. The national anthem was played afterward, and all stood reverently.

General John Scully received loud applause and whoops when he stood to speak.

He talked of soldiers who have spent years in the Sinai Desert along the Egyptian/Israeli border and those who are stationed in Latin America fighting drug trafficking.

"We are everywhere," Scully said. "We thank all of you for what you [veterans] have done. Let us never forget our young men and women who are answering the call."

Recently re-elected U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean, D-Barrington, also joined in the dedication ceremony.

As the daughter of a Marine, Bean said the memorial moved her.

"This monument really speaks to the service and sacrifice they have given this country," she said. "What a beautiful monument it is."

## Our Town

# Attention volunteers

Catholic Charities of Lake County is looking for a few good Santas.

Volunteers are needed to help needy families and disabled adults for the annual Christmas Gift program,

which matches families going through hard times with donors.

If you want to adopt a family for the holidays, call Jim Wogan at



Tara Clifton

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Lots of people like spaghetti, right? That's what Oakland Elementary School parents thought.

The school's parent-teacher organization will host its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, at Lakes High School.

After the meal, students will show off during a talent show. Bingo also will be offered.

Tickets cost \$10 a person at the door.

Ahead of time, they cost \$8 for adults, \$6 for kids, and \$35 for a family of six.

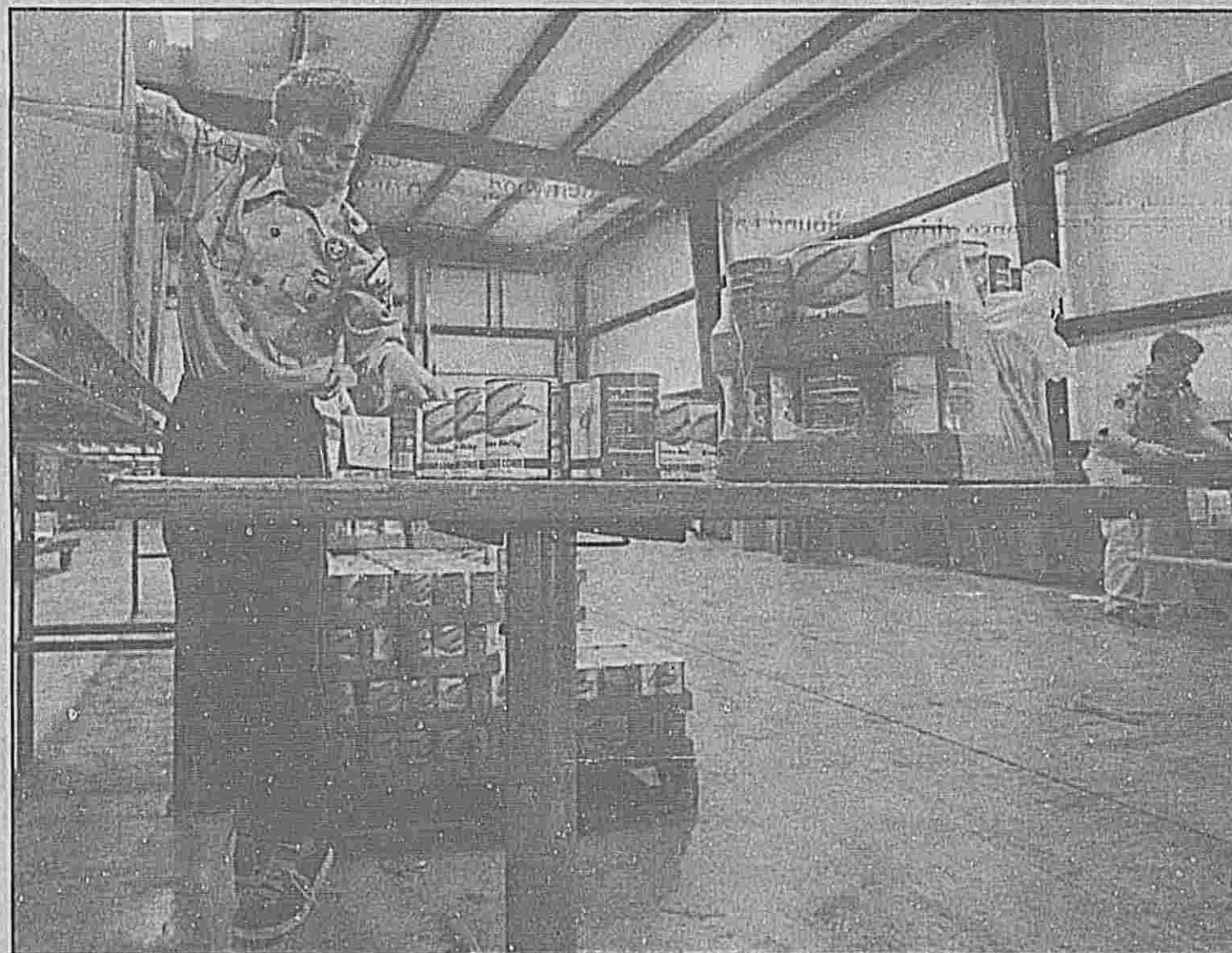
If you haven't figured it out already, the holidays are upon us, and for Antioch that means the downtown area will get lit, with lights, that is.

The annual tree lighting ceremony and parade will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24, right in front of village hall.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town," e-mail Tara Clifton at tclifton@nwnewsgroup.com



# Food bank offers holiday meals for area families



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Drew Koppes, 12, of Grayslake, packs up boxes with food items for the Holiday Meal Box kickoff event. The event took place at the Lake County Branch of the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Park City.

By MATT PERA

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When it comes to poverty in Lake County, the numbers don't lie.

And, according to Northern Illinois Food Bank Executive Director Dennis Smith, those numbers convey a greater need every year.

He cited a hunger study that America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network - completes every four years as proof.

In 2001, the food bank was serving 21,000 households a month.

The 2005 study indicated that the food bank was serving about 37,400.

In Lake County alone, the food bank now serves about 6,000 households, up from 2,200 in 2001, Smith said.

That type of growth also has been evident in the demand for the organization's holiday meal boxes.

Last year, the nonprofit food bank distributed about 14,000, Smith said. This year, it will distribute 24,013.

"[Lake] County overall is a very wealthy county," Smith said. "But, if you're at the poverty line, which is \$20,000 a year for a family of four, you still have a significant challenge in trying to survive ... and when you have infringing factors like higher energy costs ... and if you're on a fixed income or if you're underemployed and you don't have that elasticity in your budget, when that happens, when you're faced with higher prices, something ends up having to go."

The food bank staff and volunteers are working to ensure that one of those things is not the traditional holiday meal.

The meal boxes are doled out every year during the week before Thanksgiving in Lake County and can feed a family of eight.

Each box contains a 12-to-14-pound turkey, stuffing, potatoes, two cans of corn, two cans of green beans, cranberry sauce, cake mix, frosting, instant gravy and several packets of coffee.

On Nov. 4, about 30 volunteers gathered with staff at the Northern Illinois Food Bank's Lake County branch in Park City to begin packing the holiday meal boxes, which will

## What it's about

The Northern Illinois Food Bank, a member of America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network, acquires donated food from retailers, manufacturers, corporations and community resources and distributes it through its network of more than 520 food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens and other nonprofit food-assistance sites.

The organization helps 262,465 people living in poverty in 13 northern Illinois counties, including Boone, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will and Winnebago counties.

## How to help

Individuals, companies, churches and community groups can donate to the food bank program by sending contributions of any amount to Northern Illinois Food Bank, 600 Industrial Drive, St. Charles, IL, 60174. A \$25 donation sponsors a holiday meal box that can feed a family of eight.

## On the move

Two Men and a Truck moving company, which is based in Gurnee, will be working with the Lake County branch of the Northern Illinois Food Bank throughout November by collecting non-perishable food items.

The company will collect donations for the food drive from customers on their moving day.

Donations also can be dropped off at the Two Men and a Truck office, at 1350 Tri-State Parkway, Suite 100, in Gurnee.

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then be distributed to pantries throughout county.

Volunteers at the food bank headquarters in St. Charles will pack the remainder of the boxes through Dec. 9.

Robin McCormick, manager of the Park City branch, said the number of Lake County households that require assistance from the food bank has grown in each of the five years the food bank has been in Park City.

"That's the thing that's really tough on people to understand," she said. "It's constant and it's always growing."

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### ANTIOCH

#### Suspended license

Christopher A. Helrigel, 22, 74885 W. Oak Ave., Lake Villa, driving with a suspended driver's license, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, speeding, driving without proof of insurance, Nov. 12.

Garney E. Lester, 37, 100 block of Balzano, Lynwood, driving with a suspended driver's license, speeding, driving without proof of insurance, Nov. 10.

Sandra M. McIsaac, 34, 23000 block of 127th Place, Trevor, Wis., driving with a suspended driver's license, improper lane use, passing on the shoulder, Nov. 8.

Justin R. Zickovich, 19, 41000 block of North Sheridan, Zion, driving with a suspended driver's license, failure to signal, Nov. 8.

Nicholas E. Hoffman II, 33, 200 block of Lakewood Drive, Antioch, driving with a suspended driver's license, speeding, driving with an obstructed windshield, Nov. 7.

Lorraine M. Balkom, 55, 2500 block of Herman Avenue, Antioch, driving with a suspended driver's license, improper lane use, driving with suspended registration, Nov. 7.

#### No valid driver's license

JoAnne Mullins, 56, 26000 block of 111th Street, Trevor, Wis., driving without a valid driver's license, driving without proof of insurance, ran a stop sign, Nov. 12.

Ty N. Blackwell, 23, 700 block of Anita Avenue, Antioch, driving without a valid driver's license, driving without a front plate, Nov. 7.

#### Possession

Dennis Markasovic, 18, 500 block of Drom Court, Antioch, possession of marijuana, pos-

session of drug equipment, Nov. 12.

Scot C. Patterson, 46, 2900 block of 22nd Street, North Chicago, possession of marijuana, speeding, Nov. 11.

Daniel J. Duddleston, 31, 600 block of Anita Avenue, Antioch, possession of drug equipment, Nov. 6.

#### Seat belt

Patrick M. McMullin, 22, 3300 block of Pacific Avenue, Chicago, driving without a seat belt and wanted on a warrant out of Kenosha County, Nov. 11.

#### Minor consumption

Justyna Zarakowski, 18, 8100 block of Carriage Lane, Spring Grove, minor consumption of alcohol, speeding, Nov. 12.

### LINDENHURST

#### Suspended license

David K. Berg, 20, 38681 Munn Road, Lake Villa, driving with a suspended driver's license, Nov. 5.

Lorenzo Ordaz-Dejesus, 22, 30 Cedar Lake Avenue, Lake Villa, driving with a suspended driver's license, driving without a valid driver's license, driving without proof of insurance, Nov. 10.

Carl R. Dunfrund, 53, 38622 N. Drexel Road, Antioch, driving with a suspended driver's license, driving without proof of insurance, Nov. 12.

### LAKE VILLA

#### DUI

Christopher J. Garriss, 22, 53 Hawthorne, Lindenhurst, driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane use, Nov. 3.

### ROUND LAKE

#### Obstructed windshield

Fabian Delgado-Jimenez, 22, 230 Pembroke Court, Round Lake Beach, driving with an obstructed windshield, driving without a driver's license, operating an uninsured vehicle, Oct. 26.

#### Reckless driving

Piotr Durzynski, 26, 1416 W. Remington Lane, Round Lake, reckless driving, Nov. 6.

#### Suspended license

Courtney M. Baum, 20, 805 N. Park Road, Round Lake, driving with a suspended license, driving an uninsured vehicle, Nov. 6.

Jacob Santiago-Velez, 22, 7429 Maple Drive, Wonder Lake, driving with a suspended license, Nov. 9.

#### Improper lighting

Esmeralda Salazar, 22, 341 Alpine Drive, Round Lake, having only one working headlight, driving without a driver's license, Nov. 7.

#### Trespass

Jason T. Patton, 21, 1533 Meadowbrook, Round Lake Beach, four charges of criminal trespass to land, criminal damage to property, Nov. 9.

#### No insurance

John L. Strickland, 34, 1105 N. Cedar Lake Road, Round Lake Beach, driving a vehicle with suspended registration, driving

with a suspended license, Nov. 10.

### ROUND LAKE PARK/HAINESVILLE

#### Burglary

Raul Torres, 17, 401 Kenwood, Round Lake Park, burglary, obstruction of a peace officer, Nov. 10.

#### Speeding

Jason Braswell, 28, 1606 N. Popular, Round Lake Beach, speeding, driving with a suspended license, driving without insurance, possession of marijuana, Nov. 11.

#### Public intoxication

Cyprian Garcia, 25, 3303 Emmaus, Zion, public intoxication, possession of marijuana, Nov. 12.

#### Domestic battery

Michael M. Coates, 32, 417 Center Lake, Round Lake Park, domestic battery, Nov. 12.

### GRAYSLAKE

#### DUI

Thomas Christor, 22,

Grayslake, driving with a blood-alcohol content of at least 0.08, speeding, Nov. 4.

Dianne V. Jacobs, 24, 45 S. Whitney St., driving with a blood-alcohol content of at least 0.08, speeding, illegal lane usage, Nov. 9.

Maria Vidal, 25, 620 Fontana Place, Mundelein, driving with a blood-alcohol content of at least 0.08, speeding, Nov. 11.

Russell Thedorf, 38, 465 Nuthatch Way, Lindenhurst, driving with a blood-alcohol content of at least 0.08, illegal lane usage, following too closely, Nov. 12.

#### Suspended license

Dulce Hernandez, 28, 1321 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, North Chicago, driving with a suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, Nov. 2.

Sally Goodman, 48, 36039 N. Grand Oaks Court, Gurnee, driving with a suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, Nov. 7.

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## Cassandra Gilmour of Lake Villa

**I'm originally from:**  
Gurnee

**Immediate family:**  
I live with my sister and dad in Lake Villa; my brothers live in Gurnee; my mom lives in Wisconsin

**Pets:**  
Two labs

**I am a student at:**  
Warren Township High School

**Occupation:**  
Clerk at the Grayslake Pharmacy Family Discount

**Hobbies:**  
Listening to music, the arts and dancing

**Favorite local restaurants:**  
Olive Garden and Salutos

**I am currently listening to:**  
A mix CD with Alison Cross, James Blunt, Justin Timberlake and Hawthorne Heights

**The last good book I read was:**  
"Tuesdays with Morrie"

**My dream car is a:**  
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**This weekend, I am:**  
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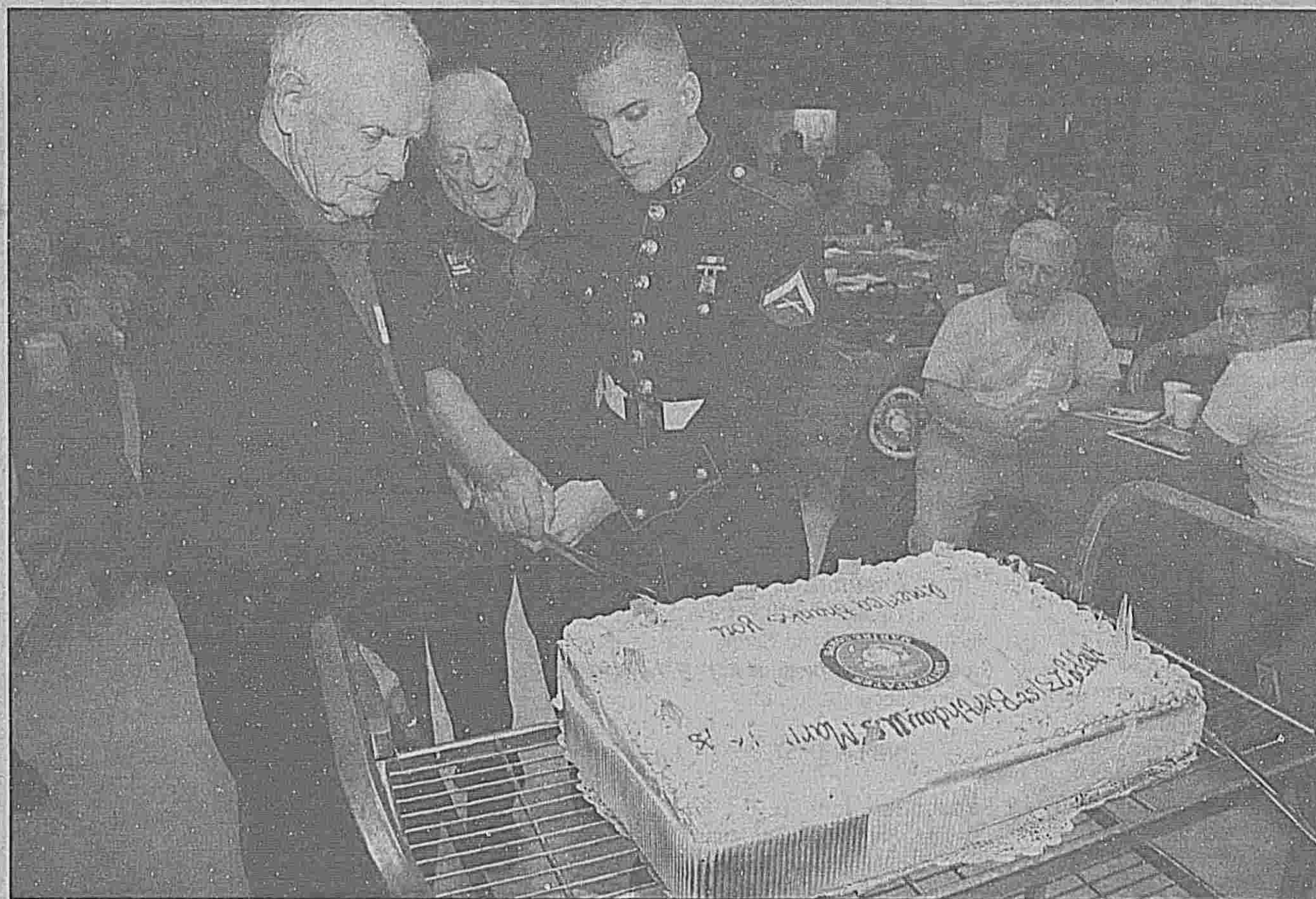
**The last good movie I saw was:**  
"Saw III"

**If I could have lunch with anyone, it would be:**  
Dave Chappelle

**My pet peeve is:**  
When someone steps on the back of someone's shoe

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## Sweet recognition



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Past Post Commander, Mike Speno (center), of Round Lake Beach, helps Bud Maloney (left), of Grayslake, and Matt Voelker (right), of Libertyville, with cutting a birthday cake to honor the Marines at the Marines Corps Birthday Breakfast, in Lake Villa. Maloney served as a marine in World War II from 1942 to 1945. The breakfast also helped raise money for Toys for Tots.

## ● Births

**Brianna Ofelia Duran**, a daughter, was born Sept. 15 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Freddy and Nikki Duran of Antioch. Her sister is Vianey, 4. Grandparents are Denise Casey and Morgan LaRue of Round Lake; Ofelia Velazquez and Pedro Duran

of Mexico. Great-grandparent is Esperanza Huerta of Mexico.

**Summer Linda Ruhl**, a daughter, was born Sept. 6 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Charmaine and Randy Ruhl of Antioch. Her siblings are Randy

Ruhl, 10, Paige Dorbeck, 15, and Jenessa Pryor, 10. Grandparents are Charmaine and Grover Gunn of Antioch; and Rita and John Ruhl of Las Vegas, Nev. Great-grandparents are Sylvia and Vince Waidluzis of Chicago and Helen and Cleave Gunn of Oak

Lawn.

**Selena Marie Rodriguez**, a daughter, was born Oct. 2, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Holly Ann Sankey of Antioch. Grandparents are Laura and Moises Rodriguez of Antioch.

## Cole hopes to address budget, financial issues in office

### POLITICIANS

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In the process of sending letters to each of her constituents, Cole had a pile of more than 200 envelopes that had been returned, just from Avon Township. They had been delivered to now vacant homes, which Cole sees as a testament to just how many people are moving to and from the area.

A week after the election, Cole and her fellow state house Republicans headed to

Springfield to participate in the Republican Caucus.

"And that's after attending a county board meeting in the morning," Cole said.

All the statehouse members will be sworn in on Jan. 10 in Springfield, and before then, the Lake County Board will be looking to fill Cole's vacant seat.

"This person will be the only new person on the board. All the incumbents won," she said.

Sometime in January, Cole said she will know what her committee assignments will be.

She is hoping to get on Transportation, Education, Environment, or Budget.

Cole said she has heard about a number of upcoming budget/financial issues that she's concerned Gov. Rod Blagojevich and the Democrats might try to pass. These include a graduated income tax, taxing household services – such as getting hair cuts and dry cleaning – and taxing retirement income.

"Could you imagine that [taxing retirement income]?" Cole said. "Many seniors are on

a fixed income, and around here, it's so expensive for them to live."

Cole said she will get a living stipend for the three to four week sessions in Springfield, and she said she would probably share a place with another House member and "live out of a suitcase."

"Michael Bond lives so close to me, we should probably share a ride every once in a while," Cole said with a laugh. "That would probably make for an interesting conversation for four hours."



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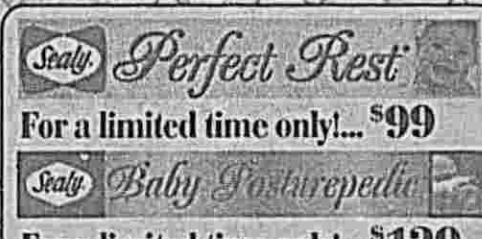
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# Lindenhurst to move forward as schools fight TIF

By EMILY PREVITI

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**LINDENHURST** - Several school districts have united in opposition of a proposed tax increment financing district at 180 acres of unincorporated land at Routes 45 and 132.

The Lindenhurst Village Board voted to set a timeline and procedures to review and approve a plan for the plot at its meeting Nov. 13.

Lindenhurst resident Rebecca Gundlach stood up from a crowd that overflowed into the hallway of Village Hall.

Gundlach urged officials to research other communities' experiences with tax increment

## Questions and comments?

Lindenhurst will hear comments from the public at a hearing Jan. 8 at Village Hall, 2301 E. Sand Lake Road. To stay updated regarding the Village Green project, sign up for the interested parties registry by visiting Village Hall.

According to Illinois Tax Increment Association, the collar counties contain 11 percent of all TIF districts statewide. TIF districts prevail in the southern part of the state, and in communities with populations of less than 50,000 people, according to ITIA.

financing.

"A school district can't go belly up [from TIF] but it can go into austerity," she said.

TIF districts allow development in run-down areas without an increase in property taxes in those areas, according

to the Illinois Tax Increment Association. For up to 23 years, taxes stay the same, even if development increases property values. According to the association, municipal officials decide how to allocate funds within the TIF district.

According to the association's Web site TIF designations do not hurt schools, but attract private investment - and, if successful, more tax revenue - that otherwise would not happen.

The schools argue that they will not see tax revenue proportionate to the increase in student populations for as long as 23 years.

Also on Nov. 13, Woodland District 50's school board voted to oppose the tax increment financing district, along with Grayslake High School District 127 and Millburn District 24. The districts will split fees for an attorney and consultant, said Jennifer Bova, Woodland public information specialist.

San Diego-based developer OliverMcMillan wants to build a "mixed-use" development, which will include 750 housing units and 450,000 to 750,000 square feet of retail space.

Bova said Grayslake's district encompasses the entire plot. The residential section of the development falls within Millburn's boundaries; the retail section of the development is in Woodland's turf.

This means that Woodland will not experience an increase in its student population, but would not receive "millions of dollars" in revenue that Bova said the district's long-term plans took into account. Bova said the district has anticipated the Village Green project since it came under consideration in 2005.

Woodland Superintendent Joy Swoboda said its consultant would try to prove that the area does not qualify as run-down.

"[On sight,] one could make the logical assumption that the area is not blighted," Swoboda said. "A draft report is citing a downward trend in [the property's equalized assessed value] growth ... and one of our questions will be about how those [figures] were calculated."

Gilman Bishop, senior project manager for OliverMcMillan, said tax increment financing underwrites 75 percent of the firm's projects, including one in Glenview.

Bishop also said the firm encounters resistance from the public at first; however, once informed, residents focus on benefits rather than fears.

Lindenhurst Village President Jim Betustak agreed, saying such opposition is "par-

for the course" when it comes to TIF designation.

"A lot of conclusions are being drawn before the facts are in," Betustak said. "I'm doing what I need to do for the village of Lindenhurst. We'll certainly try to communicate ... [but] we have different goals."

Lindenhurst must annex the land before it decides whether to designate it as a TIF district. And OliverMcMillan will not annex without assurance of the designation. Village Attorney Paul Phillips said that when the time comes to make these decisions, trustees will vote to approve cross-referential, co-dependent ordinances.

According to a timeline authored by OliverMcMillan, approval for the TIF district will take place between April 8 and July 23.

Permitting annexation, the TIF district and preliminary plat will happen during Jan. 22 and Feb. 20.

Bishop described the schedule as "aggressive," due to competition with the development planned for the Lake County Fairgrounds.

Both sites, he said, hope to offer upscale retail shopping, and a vendor would not open two shops within such close quarters.


OliverMcMillan sees the proximity of Gurnee Mills, on the other hand, as an advantage. The shopping center, which sprawls along both sides of Grand Avenue in Gurnee, attracts millions of consumers yearly. Village Green will offer a luxe alternative.

Lindenhurst trustees also voted Nov. 13 to establish a joint review board on which representatives from Lindenhurst, the Lake County Board, the College of Lake County, Lindenhurst Township, and school, fire and park districts would sit, in addition to a resident.

If the joint review board decides to recommend against the TIF district, the village board would need a supermajority (five of seven votes) to approve the project. A recommendation in favor of the TIF district would require a simple majority (four of seven).

Trustee Carol Zebra pointed out that trustees would continue to assimilate information to form an opinion on the matter.

"My mind is still wide open," she said.




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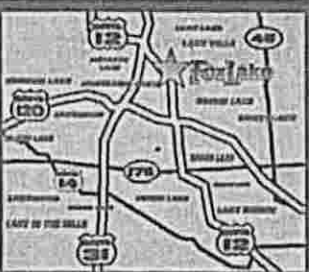
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Wadsworth Road crosses the tracks between Route 41 and Kilbourne Road.

The signed detour route for the closure will be Route 41/Skokie Highway to Route 173/Roscerans Road to Kilbourne Road.

### Relay meeting

The Relay for Life of Antioch/Lakes Area will have two informational meetings about next year's Relay for Life event.

The first meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, at the Antioch Public Library. The next will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Lake Villa Library. Both gatherings will offer more details about the event and how to get involved. The 2007 relay is scheduled for July 28 and 29.

For more information, call Becky Koman at (847) 356-4378.

### Game day

The Antioch Senior Center offers Bears fans a fix throughout football season. Each game day the center shows games on its 71-inch LCD high definition television. Refreshments are served. The Senior Center is located on Holbek Drive behind the Antioch Fire Department. Call (847) 395-0139 for more information.

### Christmas concert

The Festival Arts of Antioch is preparing for the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah," and those who would like to sing in the production are still welcome.

Rehearsals take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Antioch Methodist Church, 848 Main St., each Sunday until the Dec. 17 performance. No practices will take place on Thanksgiving weekend. Call Ken Smouse at (847) 395-1333 for more information.

### Arts and Crafts

Victory Lakes will host its 19th annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center, 1055 E. Grand Ave. in Lindenhurst.

Artists from Illinois and Wisconsin will display their wares, including paintings, stained glass, ornaments, and more. Lunch will be available for a small fee. For more information, call Bobbi Pinka at (847) 356-4554.

### Letters for Troops

The Antioch VFW is asking students and residents to send Christmas cards and letters to military personnel serving overseas. Many of these will be sent to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information, call the VFW at (847) 395-5393.

### Cinderella

PM&L Theatre will perform "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella," starting at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10.

The play will continue through November 26, with performance times at 8 p.m. for Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. for Sundays.

Call the theater at (847) 395-3055 for ticket information.

### Foster meeting

Catholic Charities of Lake County will have informational meetings for potential foster parents from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at 671 S. Lewis Ave. in Waukegan. Call Lucy Rivera at (847) 782-4249 for more information.

### Santa's Encanted castle

The Antioch Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Santa's Encanted castle event, which will take place from Nov. 24 to Dec. 23. It will be on Toft Avenue.

For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at (847) 395-2233.

### Garden club

The Antioch Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. on the first non-holiday

Monday of each month at United Methodist Church, 848 Main Street in Antioch.

This year's programs include Culinary Delights on Dec. 4, and Selecting and Caring of Roses on

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## ● School Notes

## SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

## Book fair

Oakland Elementary School will have a Scholastic Book Fair from 2 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20 and Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the school, located at the intersection of Grass Lake and Deep Lake roads in Antioch.

The fair's theme is "Reading Rain Forest," and will feature works from more than 150 publishers.

Call Allison Paoli at (847) 838-8601 for more information.

## Phone calls

Parents are asked to call Antioch Upper Grade School before 2 p.m. about their child's end-of-day activities. This will give office staff more time to get messages to students and reduce busy phone lines.

## Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences will take place for all schools starting at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, and Tuesday, Nov. 21. Classes will not take place on both days.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT 117

## Petitions available

Those who would like to be a part of the School District 117 Board of Education should pick up a nominating petition form in the district office, 1625 Deep Lake Road.

The forms can be picked up from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The forms are due February 5.

The April 17 election will fill three seats on the 7-member board. Members will serve 4-year terms. Eligible candidates must be 18 or older, a registered voter,

and a resident of Illinois and the school district for at least a year before the election.

## KEMPA awards

Antioch Community High School's newspaper and yearbook staffs from last school year were awarded the Kettle Moraine Press Association award, which honors outstanding high school journalism.

## Paul Yurs Scholarship

Applications are now available for the Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce's Paul Yurs Memorial Scholarship. Seniors in Lake Villa Township are eligible to apply for one of the three \$1,000 scholarships. Winners will be chosen on academic achievement and community involvement.

To get an application, students should visit his or her school's guidance office. Submissions are due by April 6, 2007.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT 41

## Conferences

Martin School would like to remind parents and students that parent/teacher conferences will take place from noon to 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, and Tuesday, Nov. 21.

## Shoelaces

Staffers have noticed among students a trend of exchanging shoelaces, which causes tripping and falling because the laces often do not fit the shoes. Students are asked to have the same color laces in both shoes not trade anything while at school.

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ROUND LAKE PARK

Tennis facility to break ground

By HELEN MANSFIELD

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ROUND LAKE PARK - Randy Malone is passionate about tennis. A resident of Grayslake and tennis coach at the College of Lake County, Malone wanted to develop a facility that would allow residents in Lake County to play the game he loves.

With the help of several financial partners, Malone created the idea of The Players Club. The project has cleared all the hurdles with the village of Round Lake Park and, if weather permits, Malone believes ground will be broken in the spring for the 57,000 square foot facility.

The building will be located near the intersection of Route 120 and Porter Drive, as part of a 17-acre development designed to attract retail, restaurant, and perhaps bank business.

"It will be a community-oriented club," Malone said.

The Players Club will have a large club house in the center of the building and four indoor tennis courts on either side. The nets can be taken down from the courts so people can enjoy other sports, such as basketball, volleyball, or soccer.

One of Malone's main goals

will be to set up summer camps for area children. He also is looking to set up leagues, as well as offer instruction for adults and juniors.

Eventually, Malone has plans for the second story of the building, which he will design for young people. Malone said he wants to put in a couple of billiards and pingpong tables, along with big screen TVs and karaoke. He said the upstairs will eventually be available for rent for receptions or parties.

Unlike the majority of area health clubs, Malone said there will be a yearly membership for The Players Club, but no monthly dues. They also will sell day guest passes.

Yearly membership fees will be around \$375 for a family, \$275 for an individual, and \$175 for students.

Round Lake Park Village Board President Jean McCue thinks the tennis facility will bring much needed sales tax to the area, from the traffic it creates and not directly from the property.

"It will take the impact off the tax payers," McCue said. "We haven't had a Jewel-Osco to help produce sales tax and we don't necessarily want housing developments."



# Area nurse goes extra mile to fight AIDS

By EMILY PREVITI  
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## Learn more

WADSWORTH - Ah, the morning ritual.

Some of us hit snooze six times before we succumb to the start of the day. Others spring from the sack to sprint six miles in sub-freezing temperatures.

We act out these activities on autopilot. But recent experiences have shaken Rebecca Schwuchou out of her routine.

The 46-year-old emergency room nurse has traveled to sub-Saharan Africa multiple times since 2004. While there, she worked with people, particularly children, who suffer the consequences of the AIDS pandemic and resultant crises in the health care and economic sectors.

"I had toilet paper and running water," Schwuchou said of her return to the U.S. "Life is good."

Acquaintances, co-workers, friends and relatives of Schwuchou and two other local nurses gathered at Midlane Country Club on Nov. 10 to celebrate the integration of a non-profit organization, Aid Africa's Children.

Libertyville resident Teri Dreher, Debbie Gilliam and Schwuchou decided to start the group after mission trips to South Africa ignited their desire to help the children they met.

Tears overcame Gilliam when she talked about helping the 700-plus children who attended Sjabok Primary School in Erasmus, a rural area outside of the city of Pretoria. The women have worked closely with staff at Wesley Church and Community Center, which works extensively with the city's HIV community.

"The teachers told us the children were never the same, because [we] came. But we feel that we were the ones who were blessed," she said.

Gilliam lives in Camp Lake, Wis., works as a nurse at the Heart and Vascular Center in Gurnee, and volunteers two or more nights monthly in the HIV ward in the Lake County Health Department's Belvidere Clinic.

"When you're poor here, you have access to health care, health departments, public aid, social programs," Gilliam said.

She found that was not the case in Pretoria.

Gilliam first found inspira-

To find out more about Aid Africa's children, or to help, contact Teresa Dreher at teridreher@ameritech.net.

tion to travel to Pretoria when she heard Pastor Vietske VanderDussen, lay leader at Wesley, speak at Salem United Methodist Church, in Salem, Wis., in 2004.

"It just kept haunting me, this vision of people over there," Gilliam said. "I went to my pastor and said I just really want to go over there and do something and try to make a difference."

Since, groups of seven to 18 doctors, nurses, master gardeners and even teenagers have traveled together to the region to try to do just that.

"[AIDS] really is a strain on the whole social structure," Gilliam said.

Diagnosis is like a death sentence, she said. It leads to ostracism by family and friends, and makes employment impossible. Thus, people hesitate to get tested and so spread the disease before they know they have it. Gilliam also spoke about the dire poverty and deplorable conditions that result from unemployment and orphaned children whose parents have died from AIDS.

Thus far, the 12-member AAC has raised \$40,000 and solicited donations from corporations, which include 800 pairs of underwear from Jockey, shoes from New Balance, and medical supplies from Gurnee's Heart and Vascular Center and Cancer Treatment Center in Zion, according to Gilliam.

Through a letter-writing campaign, they persuaded South African officials to visit the overcrowded, dilapidated (no windows, electricity or plumbing) school in Erasmus and agree to build a new one. The government also sends food regularly to the children, many of whom are orphaned because their parents died of AIDS.

Gilliam said the goal of the nonprofit group is to raise awareness as to what's going on in sub-Saharan Africa.

"[People] do really respond when [volunteers] go over there," Gilliam said. "They're just amazed and grateful that people care about them."

Ground will break for the new school in January, Gilliam said.



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America's largest African dance company, the Muntu Dance Theatre, performs during the opening event for Aid Africa's Children. Aid Africa's Children was formed by a group of nurses.

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# Organization makes holiday dreams come true

## Operation Christmas Child gives a little extra to youths

By **DANI SCHWEIGERT**

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### Operation Christmas Child

National Collection Week: Began Nov. 13 and continues through Nov. 20  
For more information, or to find local drop-off church locations, call (847) 362-7120.

Christmas. It's a time of year filled with lighted trees, smiling faces and stockings hung above fireplaces – a time when high spirits seem to fill the air.

But for some children, this holiday experience is no more than a dream. With Operation Christmas Child, however, that dream can become a reality.

"Operation Christmas Child gives the community a broader perspective of the needs around the world," said Operation Christmas Child volunteer Roger Scott. "It's a very unique way to individualize a gift to an individual somewhere in the world."

The gifts delivered internationally through Operation Christmas Child are placed in shoe boxes, which Scott said is unique to the organization.

"The shoe boxes provide ease of shipment and simplicity," Scott said. "It's a very [different] and very efficient idea."

And working to deliver those shoe boxes filled with

gifts is something Connie Pfeifer, Operation Christmas Child Church Relations Coordinator for Northern Illinois, knows a lot about.

Pfeifer has been involved with Operation Christmas Child since it began in 1993, and, each year, she purchases and carefully packs the boxes.

"I do save and shop all year round, so I'm personally involved in this," Pfeifer explained. "I first began packing the boxes myself, and I still do that. And I still find it very joyful and very rewarding to know that I'm helping the kids, and to know that I'm spreading the Gospel message of Jesus to those children as well."

Scott said the idea for Operation Christmas Child began in Whales, England in 1990. It was then adopted by Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organi-

zation, in 1993.

"Since then, more than 45 million shoe box gifts have been sent to more than 120 countries," he said. "The numbers keep growing each year."

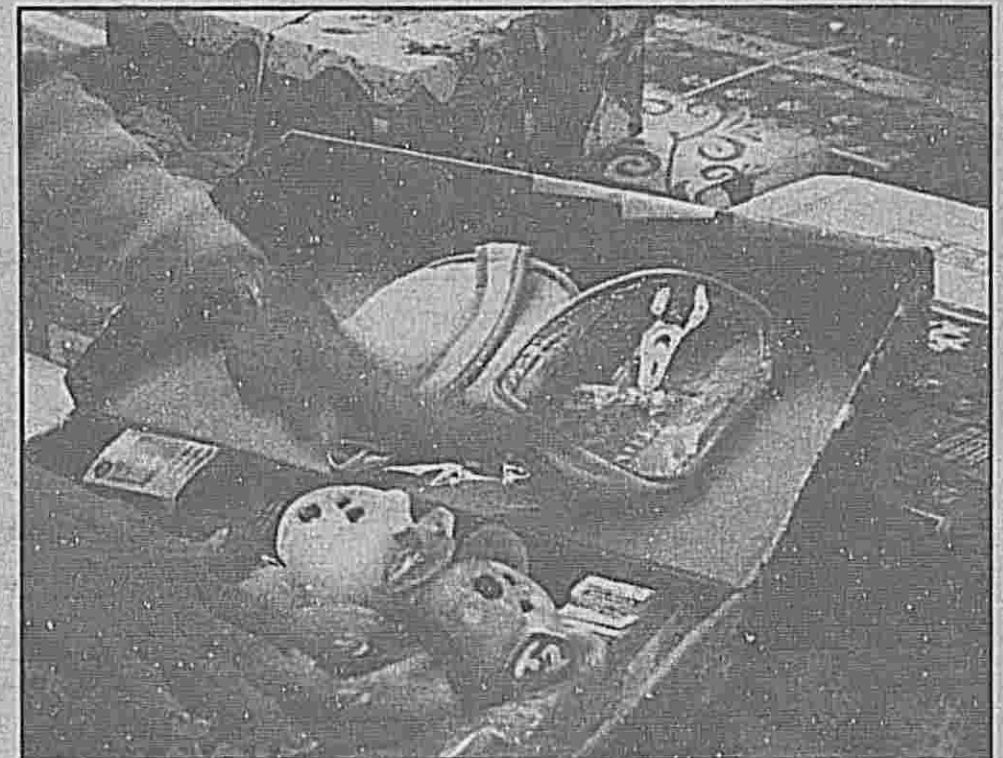
The goal for this year is to collect 8 million shoe boxes, Scott said. People can drop off boxes of Christmas presents at churches throughout Lake County.

The churches then bring the gifts to five relay centers in the area, including Crossroads Church, 1350 Highway 137, in Grayslake.

From there, the centers then bring the gifts to a collection center in Barrington.

The boxes are then sent to a distribution center in Minneapolis, before they are delivered to various children around the world.

People can now bring shoe boxes to local churches for



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Crossroads congregation hosts Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child delivers shoe boxed gifts to children around the world. National Collection week is from Nov. 13 to 20.

National Collection Week, which began Nov. 13 and continues through Nov. 20.

"It's key to have people involved in helping others," Pfeifer said. "This is a program that I feel is very simple. It also can be a way for children to help other children and for families to get involved."

Pfeifer works with churches and organizations in Lake

County, northern Chicago and Wisconsin to increase community involvement with Operation Christmas Child. She also delivers the shoe box gifts to the processing centers.

"Going to the processing centers and working there and seeing the thousands of boxes processed and readied every day is a memory that is a highlight of my year," she said.

## GURNEE

# Questions still linger regarding World Record snake

By **EMILY PREVITI**

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GURNEE – Investigators have solved the mystery behind the dismemberment of a 27-foot snake that a business in Gurnee Mills plugged as its main attraction.

Lake County Sheriff's Police Sgt. Chris Thompson said two employees of Serpent Safari in Gurnee Mills disposed of segments of the body of Baby, a Burmese python, in a rural area near Gurnee.

The Guinness Book of World Records certified Baby, 403 pounds, as the heaviest snake in the world. Safari's manager Joan Singer predicted the snake's death would affect business, as Baby had become "a local legend" with "a big following," but thought Bertha, the facility's 325-pound anaconda, still will draw crowds.

Singer said Safari has a special permit that allows them to keep snakes of such size, as Illinois law prohibits ownership of snakes longer than five feet.

At first, newspapers published conflicting explanations from owner Lou Daddano regarding Baby's death.

Thompson attributed Daddano's dishonesty to his fear of negative press.

"We believe he's now been forthcoming and have put the matter to rest," Thompson said.

Thompson did not return calls seeking comment on the whereabouts of the rest of the snake's remains.

Safari employee Kevin Curtis and friend Randall Frolich told Daddano that they would take care of the disposal after Baby died Oct. 29, days after a surgery that removed one foot of her tail.

Each man faces up to a year in jail and \$1,000 in fines for illegal dumping, a Class A misdemeanor, Thompson said. He confirmed Daddano did not know Curtis and Frolich planned to dismember the snake.

"He was just so distraught at losing her, he handed it over and he shouldn't have," Singer said. "He should have handled it himself."

Daddano had the 29-year-old snake for 21 years, Singer added.

Daddano opened Safari in 1998, a year after a reticulated python – more aggressive than the Burmese variety – attacked him at a zoo at the Wisconsin Dells.

Singer, who has worked at Safari for seven years, said Curtis split his time between being a zookeeper and salesman.

Stephen Barten, veterinarian at Vernon Hills Animal Hospital, treated Baby. He said cremation is the proper way to dispose of a snake's body.

Vernon Hills Animal Hospital offers the service, Barten said, but Daddano did not contact the hospital to let staff know Baby died nor to arrange cremation.

Barten noted Daddano's distress and suspected that Curtis and Frolich took it "upon themselves to deal with it to spare him."

He also said the men were likely unaware of "rules and laws and health issues, to say nothing of public opin-

ion," citing their ages.

Curtis, 20, of Lake Villa, could not be reached for comment.

Barten has worked with reptiles for 28 years. He said Baby suffered from thrombol-embolic disease, a condition most common in larger snakes that results in heart disease, blood clots and a stroke. In snakes, he said, blood clots slide to the tail, where they lodge and cut off blood.

A gangrene-like condition results, Barten said.

Snakes rarely live more than a few months after surgery to remove the rotting tissue, he added, but Daddano decided to try it anyway.

"I think genuinely cares about his patients and does his best to take care of them," Barten said. "A lot of people don't understand it because they're reptiles [but] you can form an emotional bond with it just like a dog or cat."

Daddano was not available for comment.

•Dani Schweigert contributed to this article



## Recognizing the myths of suicide

Local case leaves officials with unanswered questions

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After a week of investigation, officials in the Lake County Coroner and Sheriff's offices could not determine the identity of the body of a male suicide victim found hanging from a tree in an unincorporated area of Gurnee on Nov. 6.

Coroner Richard Keller estimated the man, likely in his 50s, died three to six weeks ago. The decomposition of the man's body has frustrated attempts at identification.

Investigators said the tattered condition of the man's clothes suggest he was homeless, according to Sgt. Christopher Thompson.

Suicide by hanging, according to Keller, is the most-used method of death by suicide in Lake County.

A week earlier, parents found their 15-year-old after she hung herself outside of their home in the Waukegan area, Keller said.

Of the 3,971 of teenagers who committed suicide in 2001, 86 percent were male and 14 percent were female.

Suicide tops the list of causes of death among young people ages 15 to 24, regardless of gender, despite the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control's finding that its frequency has decreased since 1992.

According to NCIP literature, situations in families, schools and communities cause confusion, depression and stress that can overwhelm teens and prompt suicide.

Screening, referral and crisis intervention programs for youth can diminish these tendencies.

Stan Lewy, of Chicago, founded the Lake County Coalition for Suicide Prevention to enact state suicide prevention plan on a local level.

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## Sharing a love for music



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Mark MacLeod tunes an upright piano at the Family Piano Co. on Genesee Street in Waukegan. MacLeod co-owns the new business with Alice Alviani. Family Piano Co. is the only store of its kind in Lake County.

## Piano business opens in Waukegan

By MATT PERA  
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WAUKEGAN - About two weeks ago, the showroom at Family Piano Co. was still taking shape. The hall leading into the store smelled of fresh paint, the hardwood floor was being installed, and large boxes lined the walls, full of yet-to-be-un-

packed pianos.

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Co-owner Mark MacLeod tinkered with the keys on one of the Perzina pianos for sale at the store, demonstrating for anyone within

earshot what many critics and aficionados say is among the best models of the instrument in the world.

About 60 people attended the grand opening, which ushered in the only store of its kind in Lake County, and northern Illinois, for that matter.

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# CASA seeks volunteers

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WOODSTOCK—Adults who wish to help victims of child abuse and neglect can do so by becoming volunteers with McHenry County.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is looking for volunteers to help those who have been affected by abuse and neglect.

The volunteer will act as a child's voice in court, to help abused and neglected children find safe, permanent homes. McHenry County had more than 1,100 reports of abuse and neglect in 2005.

"We need to take a look at what is happening to children in our community," said Kelly Pokarel, CASA director of McHenry County. "Each of us should ask ourselves, 'What can I do to make a difference for these children?'"

Nancy Wagner, CASA advocate manager, also understands the importance of a CASA volunteer in children's lives.

"A CASA volunteer becomes a constant in a child's life dur-

ing a time of confusion and uncertainty," Wagner said. "We have 23 active volunteers now and we started in June. We worked closely with Lake County CASA and the national organization to get started. Now we are helping 65 children up to age 18."

Wagner explained that CASA serves as a Friend of the Court after a case has been adjudicated.

"We are asked to come in from any kind of abuse or neglect," she said.

Volunteer requirements are being older than 21, passing a background check, completing an interview and going through training. Volunteers may come from anywhere, but have to be willing to go to the McHenry County Government Center in Woodstock.

CASA volunteers come from all walks of life and all age and education levels.

A CASA volunteer should have commitment, responsibility, common sense and objectivity, good written and oral communication skills, and the ability to work well with a diverse

group of people.

About 10 hours a month is needed to be dedicated to a CASA child.

Volunteers participate in a 40-hour training program where they learn the skills and knowledge, which will enable them to become the voice of the child in the courtroom. CASA volunteers also gather facts for the court and make recommendations based on those facts.

"Judges have only a few minutes to decide the fate of a child and a CASA's input can be an invaluable resource," Pokharel said.

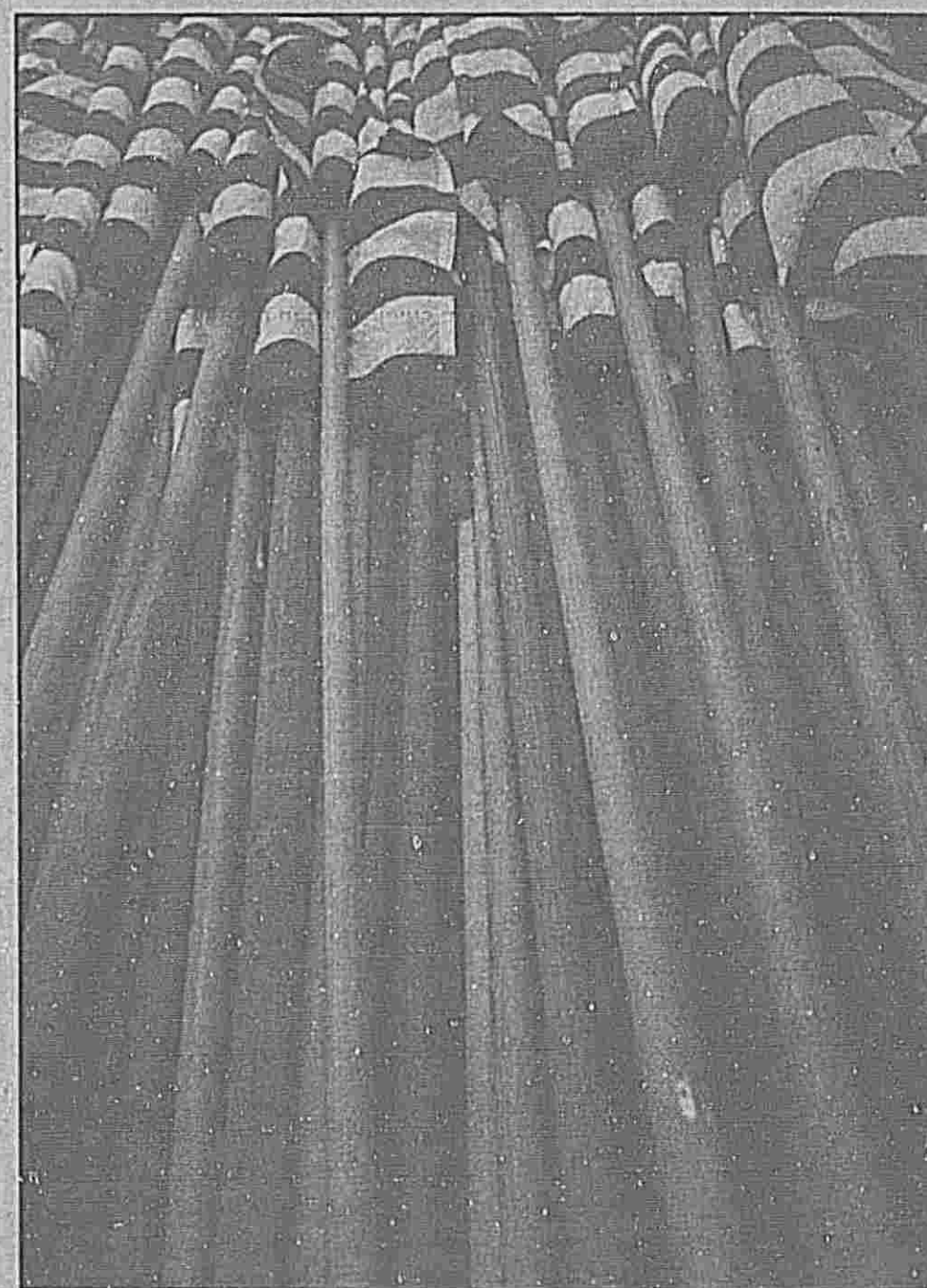
Daytime training classes will take place in Woodstock in late November.

Evening training classes will begin in January.

Adults interested in learning more about how to help abused and neglected children can do so by calling the CASA office at (815) 206-4585, or visiting [www.casamchenrycounty.org](http://www.casamchenrycounty.org).

CASA offices are at 110 S. Johnson St., Suite 211, in Woodstock.

## Salute the flags



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## Police issue warrant for alleged killer

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

The Lake County Major Crime Task Force has released a warrant for the alleged shooter in an incident that left one dead on Nov. 6.

Clifford L. Powers, 19, who has addresses in both unincorporated Libertyville and Waukegan, is wanted on two counts of first degree murder stemming from the death of Bernard Soya, said LCMCTF Asst. Cmdr. Don Smith.

Libertyville police discovered the body of Soya, 18, whose last known address was Deerfield, on Nov. 6 in a rental car in the parking lot of Pampered Pup's, a dog grooming business located at 1068 E. Park Ave., in Libertyville. Soya had been shot multiple

times, according to Lake County Coroner Richard Keller, and suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the head.

Libertyville police, in cooperation with the LCMCTF, ruled the case a homicide on Nov. 8.

Smith said there was marijuana found in the vehicle, but added it was not clear where it came from or who it belonged to, and was not certain how much was found at the scene.

Carey said Soya, a graduate of Deerfield High School, has family in both Ohio and Wisconsin.

It is the first homicide in Libertyville since 2001, Carey said.

For updates on this story, check [www.weeklyjournals.com](http://www.weeklyjournals.com)



# Local organization seeks to prevent suicide from all angles

## • SUICIDE

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The Illinois Suicide Prevention Coalition, College of Lake County and Lake County Health Department collaborated to host a training session in September.

The training session consisted of more than 200 representatives from the health department and other agencies, hospitals and schools throughout the area.

The session trained people to recognize warning signs and how to help survivors of suicide.

It also taught attendees the hallmarks of Questioning, Persuade, Refer (QPR).

"It's equivalent to CPR, but is focused on how to recognize, or what to say, on how you question [people contemplating suicide] and persuade them to get help and tell them where to go to get help," Lewy said.

### Suicide's time and place

Contrary to common percep-

## Did you know?

Women attempt suicide **three times** as often as men do.

Males are **four times** as likely to die from suicides than females.

Suicide ranks **eighth** among causes of death in American men.

*Statistics from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control in the Centers for Disease Control*

tion, the rate does not spike around the holiday season.

Suicide rates spike around spring and drop with temperatures, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Keller confirmed the same is true within Lake County.

The CDC also found that the west has rates higher than the national average, and the mid-west and east's numbers fall below.

In the centers' 2001 study, Nevada's numbers placed highest.

The Silver State reported nearly 23 people for every

## Lend a helping hand

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found that a few factors can outweigh risks associated with suicide. Risk factors do not cause suicide; rather, they increase the likelihood that persons will harm themselves.

### Helpers and hindrances

- Easy access to a variety of clinical programs that address mental, physical, and substance abuse disorders
- Family and community support
- Skills in problem solving and nonviolent conflict resolution
- Cultural and religious beliefs that discourage suicide and support self-preservation

### Risk factors

- Previous suicide attempt(s)
- History of suicide or child maltreatment in family
- Impulsive or aggressive tendencies
- Barriers to accessing mental health treatment
- Physical illness
- Easy access to lethal methods
- Unwillingness to seek help because of the stigma attached to mental health and substance abuse disorders or suicidal thoughts
- Cultural and religious beliefs
- Local epidemics of suicide

100,000 committed suicide during 1996 to 1998.

The District of Columbia reported the lowest number of suicides per 100,000 at 6.8; New Jersey, New York and Indiana also cited low figures, with

each state at less than eight suicide victims for every 100,000 people.

### Victims without a place

An article published in Psychiatric Services in April

cited a lack of research into the frequency of suicide among homeless adults.

The article also pointed out that homeless adults often exhibit risk factors for suicide: social isolation, mental illnesses, active substance use, feelings of hopelessness, loss (relational, social, work, or financial), and extreme poverty.

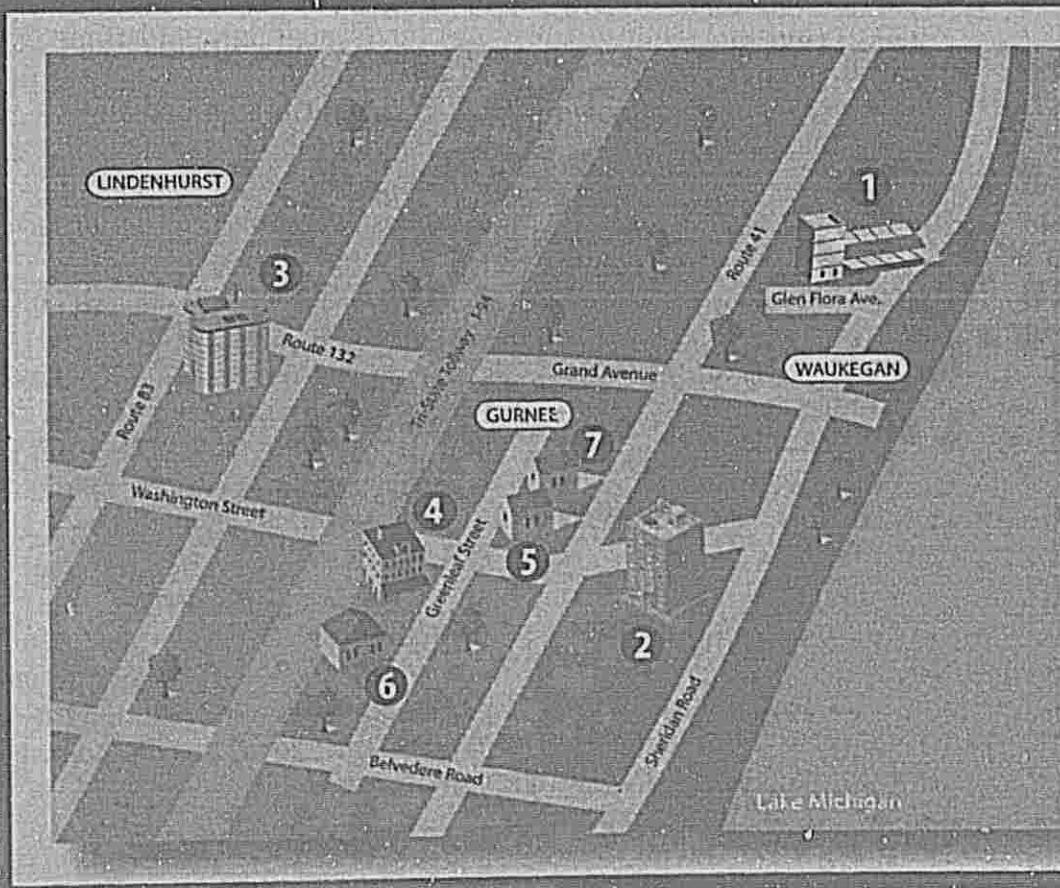
Lake County Public Action to Deliver Shelter and Supportive Services (PADS) offers a program called Safe Haven to homeless adults who suffer from mental illness, usually schizophrenia or bipolar disorder.

The program provides shelter, medical and mental health care, substance abuse treatment, job placement and life skills training for 15 participants at a time.

Keller said he has reached out to PADS and other social service organizations for help as his office continues to pursue the identification of the male suicide victim found near Gurnee.

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## Our View

# Gloating could unravel Dems

The Republicans lost control of the House, the Senate, a majority of the governorships, as well as state legislatures.

Election Day was not kind to the GOP, to put it mildly. And President Bush wasted no time in changing course to reflect the new dynamics in Washington, D.C.

Just a week after he said embattled Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld would serve the rest of his presidency, Bush dumped him - although it was called a resignation.

Exit polling showed the anger of Americans. About 60 percent said the United States was headed in the wrong direction domestically, and the number was similar for the war in Iraq. Two-thirds of respondents said their votes were in protest of the Bush administration.

Rumsfeld and Vice President Dick Cheney led a hard-line group in pressing the war in Iraq. Rumsfeld's replacement is former CIA Director Robert Gates, who is considered to be a pragmatist on foreign policy.

But as bad as election results were for President Bush, the losses were about average for presidents midway through their second terms. The Washington Post reported.

The rhetoric might have been bitter during the cam-

paign, but Democrats need to be wary of flaunting their new power. This Congress needs to be one of action, not antagonism.

Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., will be the next speaker of the House. Republicans could hardly keep themselves from using Pelosi's name and "extremist liberal" in the same sentence. And she used vile words to describe Republicans and President Bush.

Bush, who took "a large share of the responsibility" for the defeat, sounded humbled the day after the election.

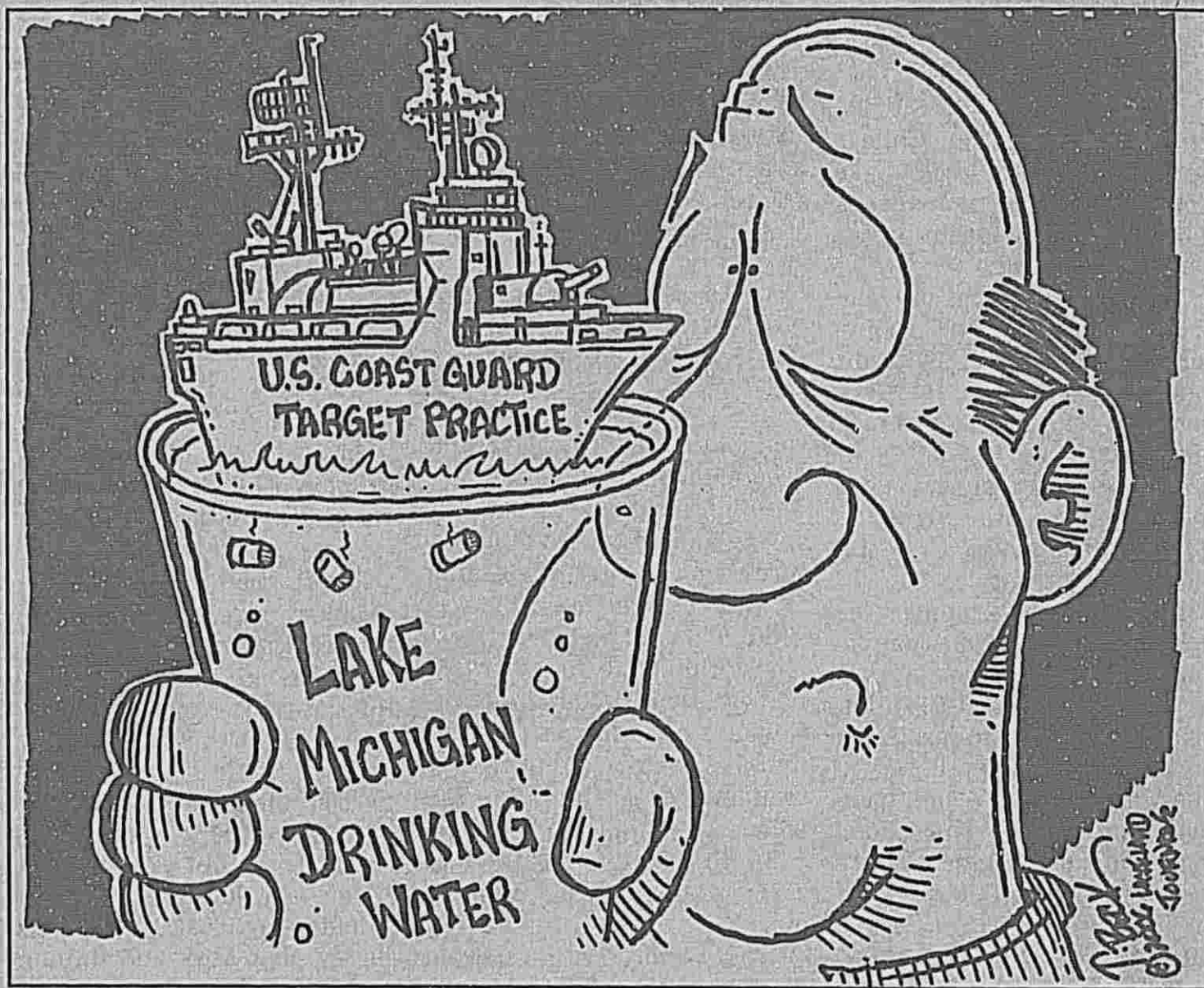
"I understand when campaigns end," he said, "and I know when governing begins. And I am going to work with people of both parties."

By and large, that has not been the case during the past six years. Whether he can do an about-face remains to be seen.

But the pressure is on Democrats, too. Moderates, such as 8th District Rep. Melissa Bean, D-Ill., cannot fall for the liberal line if they expect to be re-elected.

Don't be naive. There will be huge differences between a one-party Congress and presidency, and a Congress totally in the hands of Democrats.

But without bipartisan cooperation, voters will be ripe for revolt in 2008. And that might be the only cure.



## Seeing it Through

# Democrats continue to make inroads in Congress, Lake County

Before the Nov. 7 election, President George W. Bush reminded Democrats not to "dance in the end zone" before the game had even begun. It didn't take long on the night of the election for the Democrats to see that the evening belonged to them. After taking the House by a considerable margin, the Democrats were going into an "overtime" with the Senate races and a chance to take a majority of that body, too.

The politician who cautioned Democrats against holding a victory dance too early was the biggest loser of them all. Continuing the football parlance, President Bush, the Republican quarterback, lost the game for his team because he kept fumbling the ball, and Democrats recovered it and ran for touchdowns.

With such a sweep, it can be said that Democrats didn't win

as much as Republicans lost. Without a doubt, it was a loud anti-Bush message.

As many predicted, the Iraq War was the No. 1 issue of the election.

Voters showed that they want a change in the direction of the country. They showed that they want more openness and transparency in government. They showed that they want accountability in government.

Exit polls also showed that voters were concerned about the many scandals in government. It is always the party in power that takes the brunt of voter

frustration regarding corruption, so Republicans in Congress suffered the greatest backlash against the page scandal, the lobbyist scandals, and other ethics lapses.

The national mood on Election Day certainly helped Democrats in local and state races. Lake County Democratic Chairman, State Sen. Terry Link, D-Waukegan, was the big winner on Election Day. I remember the days when county Democrats could caucus in a telephone booth, but Link engineered the best coordinated political campaign for the Democrats in the county.

Besides winning big in his own re-election to the state senate in what was a fairly negative campaign, Link continued the trend toward adding Democrats to the state legislature.

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● **Snapshot**

Your thoughts on this week's hot topic

"What are you doing for Thanksgiving?"



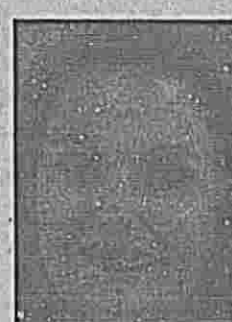
"Eat mom's turkey."

David Jaime  
Round Lake



"Eat, cook, eat more, drink and cook."

Stu Mantell  
Round Lake



"I'm going to spend time with my family."

Bridgette Soderdahl  
Round Lake Beach



"All my family is coming to our house."

Seth Koerner  
Beach Park

● **Partylines**

compiled by staff reports

# Alderman calls for more parent accountability

Waukegan Alderman John Balen, 2nd Ward, is getting tired of the crime occurring in the city.

During the Nov. 6 city council meeting, he cited a gang-related shooting that left a 15-year-old boy wounded and also said a group of kids had shot out the windows of several homes with a BB gun in his ward.

"I'm getting kind of tired of that, and I'm also getting tired of excuses as to why these kids are doing it," he said. "This problem lies not with kids alone, it lies in this city with the parents of these kids."

Balen suggested the city draft an ordinance that hits neglectful parents when their children are caught committing crimes.

"It's time that we as a council say, 'No more,'" Balen said. "We can't tolerate this."

Alderman Greg Moisio, 3rd Ward, a teacher in the Waukegan Community Unit School District 60, agreed with



John Balen  
Waukegan  
Alderman

Balen. Moisio added that the city should encourage more after-school programs to keep kids occupied while their parents are still at work.

Waukegan Mayor Richard Hyde said an ordinance would be ready for review at an upcoming city council meeting.

## Open mouth, insert leg

Round Lake Trustee Bob Del Prato might want to check with Round Lake administrators or village board president Bill Gentes in the future, before calling contractors to the carpet during a board meeting.

At last week's regular village board meeting, the board was looking to approve a partial payment to Preload Inc. for "work performed and material and equipment purchased" for the 2.5 million gallon Ground Level Water Reservoir project, according to the agenda.

Del Prato said he was unhappy with the work thus far, because of an "unre-



Bob Del Prato  
Round Lake  
Trustee

sponsive" subcontractor, Keno.

Gentes said, at the beginning of the project that was true.

As of last week, Gentes reported that the bacteria levels have been tested in the reservoir and it has some water in it.

The payment of \$42,091.80 was passed unanimously, 6-0.

## Close call

It was a long election night for the two candidates in Lake County Board District 2 race.

"We knew that we were ahead by 128 votes about midnight," winner and incumbent Randy Whitmore said.

Whitmore, a Republican from Wadsworth, beat Diane Hewitt, unofficially, 4,458 to 4,327, 50 to 49 percent.

The vote does not count provisional or late arriving absentee votes.

"We did a lot of good for the whole district, working with Republicans and Democrats," Whitmore said.

The Lake County Board stayed off the national and state trend of voters seeking change.

"People were upset by what the GOP did. We have to mend the fences," Whitmore said the next day. His term

will be his second on the county board.

"Getting the roads fixed to get people across the county, and real estate taxes. We have to fix the tax system, because people are being taxed out of their homes. I am working with Larry Leafblad on that," Whitmore said.

The district includes Old Mill Creek, Wadsworth, Zion and Beach Park areas.

Whitmore owns Whitmore Service in Gurnee.

## Seals says thanks

After giving incumbent U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-Highland Park, the toughest fight he has seen in a campaign since the 2000 election for the 10th Congressional District, Democratic challenger Dan Seals thanked his supporters on his Web site, [www.dansealsforcongress.com](http://www.dansealsforcongress.com).

"When we first started you could fit all of our supporters in a phone booth," he wrote. "But with a lot of hard work and a lot of good people the word got out. By October, there were hundreds of people attending our rallies and over 80,000 turned out for us on Election Day. There wasn't a stronger challenger race in all of Illinois."

# In Lake County, any democratic win can be perceived as an upset

● **MATHEVICH**

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Michael Bond will join Link in Springfield as the senator from the 31st District. He had an enormous group of volunteer workers. He was probably outspent by his opponent Sue Simpson, who had a load of TV commercials by former governor Jim Edgar.

Also, there was some GOP discontent regarding the way that Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis, R-Zion, was treated by her own party leaders and that seemed to help Bond edge out Simpson. I predict a long future for

Bond. He will soon find that holding his position on the Woodland School District Board of Education will cut into his more challenging public service role in state government. And I hope that he sees fit to relinquish the Woodland position.

Lake County Board member Sandy Cole kept the Democrats from taking another winner to Springfield.

She beat Sharyn Elman in a very close race. No one could have worked harder than Elman, but she was up against a candidate who has been respected for her political independence.

I have always thought Cole to be the best county board member for her outstanding work on fiscal and budget matters.

On the county level, the biggest winner was attorney Mark Curran who bested incumbent Sheriff Gary Del Re. Considering the fact that there had been some alleged acts of corruption leading to resignations in the sheriff's office, the race wasn't as negative as it could have been.

Any time a Democrat wins a county office in Lake County, it is perceived as an upset. I sensed, as the campaign was winding down, that both

Democrats and Republicans thought that Curran could pull off the upset, but not many thought that he would win it by the margin that he did win. In simple terms, I thought the candidate "who seemed to want it more," managed to win. In other words, Curran worked harder.

To those who were critical of Curran for lacking law enforcement experience, forget it. What is most important, is he is ethical and honorable. He also is methodical and will delegate authority. And he is a decent man. There will be no scandals while "he runs the ship."

While there were no changes in the county board races, there were some very close contests. With not much more that he can do in legislative races here, I'm sure that those tight county board races will make Democrat chairman Link sharpen his knives to pursue county board inroads two years hence.

The next interesting battle will be launched very soon when the members of the county board "choose up sides" to pick the leaders of the county board and the forest preserve district. Will it be Suzi Schmidt and Bonnie Thomson Carter again? Stay tuned.



## —● Letters to the Editor

### Stop the abuse

To the Editor:

Thank you for printing Emily Previti's article titled "Custody case raises energy, awareness." It is imperative that the public be made aware of the legal abuse that is going on behind the doors in our country's family courts.

I am involved in some grass-roots organizations that are trying to bring awareness and hope to stop the injustice. I've seen hundreds of e-mails from protective parents, usually the mother, from Florida to Alaska, begging for help as custody of their beloved children is stripped away from them and handed to the abuser.

The mother is further victimized by being forced to live under the control of her ex-husband and court officials. It's time for our country to wake up and realize that corruption is rampant in our family court system. It must be reformed. Those who abuse their power must be held accountable.

**Dianne Boutelle**  
Duluth, Ga.

### Successful event

To the Editor:

How gratifying it is to have an event be successful after months and months of planning. Such is the case with the fourth annual Civil War Weekend Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, which took place at the Longwood Center in Lake Villa. The event was co-hosted by the Lake Villa Historical Society, Village of Lake Villa, 2nd Kentucky Cavalry D and the Army of the Cumberland.

The proceeds from this event support the Lake Villa Historical Society, which was formed following the 2001 Lake Villa Centennial and purchase of the Lehmann Mansion, both of which renewed an interest in local history.

The Lehmann Mansion and surrounding acres provided a perfect setting for adults and children to step back into the 19th century for a weekend, to learn about how our ancestors lived. Helping make that more realistic was the presence of approximately 300 re-enactors:

Confederate and Union soldiers,

civilians, a very special slave by the name of Harriet Tubman and a gentleman who looked and acted the part of President Abraham Lincoln. Questionnaires and scavenger hunt forms were provided to school-aged children to make it easier for them to interact with some of the special guests. Boy Scout Troop 188 was actively involved in the weekend, as were Palombi Middle School students who had their own Civil War Ball at the mansion Friday evening.

Thank you to everyone who helped support this event by attending. Mark your calendar now for Sept. 15 and 16, 2007. It will be another opportunity to experience the Civil War era first hand at Lehmann Mansion.

**Sue Cribb, President Lake Villa Historical Society**  
Lake Villa

### Service to veterans

To the Editor:

The Illinois Department of Employment Security would like to say a special "thank you" to the men and women who have, or are serving our country in the armed forces. Your courage, bravery, inspiration, and overall dedication to duty serves as the standard, from which our flag proudly flies.

This country has asked a great deal from you and now we wish to give something back and assist in your transition back into civilian life. Veterans of the military receive priority of service at IDES. We take a great deal of pride in our outreach and no-cost services that include one-on-one staff assistance with skills identification, resume and cover letter assistance, re-employment referrals and much more. We will work with you to assess your present situation and highlight your attributes to the thousands of employers in our database.

You as a veteran already possess many of the people skills, organizational understanding, and technical capabilities that can add immediate tangible value to a business. We believe in you, and once again, thank you for all that you have done for us.

I invite you to contact me at (847) 543-7480 or e-mail [Judy.leonard@illinois.gov](mailto:Judy.leonard@illinois.gov) to learn more about the services and pro-

grams we provide.

**Judy Leonard, Local Veterans Employment Representative**  
Illinois Department of Employment Security

### She took them out

To the Editor:

Now that the dust has settled and all of the election results are in, I thought it would be appropriate to comment on the conduct of some of the local candidates and the individuals who worked on their campaigns.

Chuck Fitzgerald made no bones about the fact that he would be the next state senator of the 30th District. All of his campaign literature was negative, bashing his opponent, Terry Link, D-Waukegan. He even went so far as to advise Sen. Link's staff to start packing their belongings. How wrong Mr. Fitzgerald proved to be. Not only did he not win, but he got trounced. Mr. Fitzgerald should learn a big lesson in humility. He clearly proved that negative campaigning doesn't work.

Those who worked on the Suzanne Simpson race for the 31st Senate seat also should learn a lesson. The stalwart Lake County Republican Party showed total disregard and disrespect for Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis', R-Zion, lifetime of service to the state of Illinois, Lake County and the Republican Party. They thought they could cast her aside like yesterday's news. What they didn't count on was that the majority of voters in the 31st District chose not to forget Sen. Geo-Karis' years of hard work. Michael Bond proved to be a great candidate. He outworked Suzanne Simpson, and won the race. The Republicans should be ashamed of themselves for the way they treated Geo. They tried to take her out, and in the end she took them out.

**George Gountanis**  
Waukegan

### Route 12 danger

To the Editor:

I wonder why the village of Fox Lake and/or the state police do not run radar and stop the dangerous driving, and very excessive speeds people drive, on Route 12, from State Park Road all the way

to Grand Avenue downtown Fox Lake. The intersection of State Park and Route 12 is very dangerous because of the horrible railroad crossing.

If you try to cross that slowly to go south on Route 12 someone is right on your bumper and usually blowing their horn, so they can make the green light or run the yellow light. If you drive the speed limit anywhere on Route 12 going south into town, people are right on your bumper and/or cutting in front of you to go faster.

The trucks, especially the gravel haulers, are always trying to intimidate you, and almost always blow the light at State Park and Route 12 whether they are going south or north. A lot of us who live on the north side of town, up on Grass Lake Road or in that area, are now going into Antioch to shop more often, because it is not as dangerous a drive, even though it is a farther trip.

I am surprised that with our mayor's sad experience with family on Route 12 north of town that she has not made it one of her prime objectives for the police department to correct and make safer.

Hopefully, Fox Lake will correct this and make the residents drive into town for shopping or pleasure safer, before we all decide to stop shopping in town and keep increasing our travels to Antioch.

**Kenneth Hellstern**  
Fox Lake

### Grateful for the help

To the Editor:

As has been reported, Marytown, the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe in Libertyville, suffered damage to its chapel when a part of the suspended ceiling collapsed.

Needless to say, this event caused a great deal of distress to the entire faith community of Marytown. We write to publicly thank the Fire and Police Departments of Libertyville and Mundelein for their activities the night of the damage.

These public safety professionals responded to the scene almost immediately and conducted themselves in a calm, professional and concerned manner. The comfort that they brought to us is

beyond description. Thanks to their efforts, we were able to resume our full schedule of religious services and maintain the operation of our gift shop and retreat center within hours after the incident.

We are truly blessed to be served by such fine public safety professionals here in Lake County.

**Rev. Stephen McKinley, OFM**  
Conv Guardian and Rector of Marytown, the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe  
Libertyville

### Congratulate her

To the editor:

The Hon. Melissa Bean, D-Barrington, should be congratulated on her victory in the 8th District congressional race.

Now it is time for her to go to work—for peace. People around other parts of the country voted for Democrats as a protest vote against George Bush's war policies. In the 8th district, informed voters who wanted to change what the administration is doing in the Mideast voted for independent candidate Bill Scheurer.

Rep. Bean has supported Bush's war policies all the way, ever since she took office almost two years ago. It's time for her to "get the message" and join with those in Congress who want to end this insane Iraq adventure now.

In a recent interview by a newspaper, she said her mentor in the U.S. House was Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania. Bean needs to listen to her mentor. It is time for her to do the right thing. She doesn't have to worry about catching the votes of Republican crossovers until 2008.

Those of us who worked on Bill Scheurer's campaign will have a lot less to complain about if Melissa Bean starts working to bring the troops home. She needs to do a little reality check on all the devious ways of the Bush administration. She should stand up with Rep. Murtha, speaker of the house-to-be Nancy Pelosi, and many others in Congress to begin to move this country back to what the founding fathers intended.

**Robert E. Friend**  
Wauconda



# HEALTHWATCH

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## LAKE FOREST HOSPITAL

### Providing a Healthy Home for the Holidays

Join Linda Hines, PhD, director of psychological services for the Posy Krehbiel Prevention & Wellness Center, and Edye Wagner, RD, LDN, CDE, Lake Forest Hospital dietitian, to learn how to provide a healthy home at this time of the year, which can pose a "health challenge" for many families. Join us to discuss where your personal responsibilities end, and how you can model behaviors of the mind, body and spirit to walk your family down the road of good health throughout the year.

**Date** Wednesday, Dec. 6  
**Time** 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
**Location** Posy Krehbiel Prevention & Wellness Center  
**Register** (847) 535-8500

### The Healing Path of Yoga

Integrating body, breath, mind and heart allows us to evoke the presence of healing within us. Please join Fiona Ricci-McCarthy who will lead us through the physical practice of Yoga.

Please wear comfortable clothing. Mats will be provided.

**Date** Friday, December 8  
**Time** 9:45 to 11 a.m.  
**Location** Posy Krehbiel Prevention & Wellness Center  
**Register** (847) 535-8500

## Treating back pain a difficult, evolving task

No one likes shoveling snow. While the eyes of children light up at the sight of snowfall, for men and women with driveways and sidewalks, that snowfall just means it's time to dust off the snow shovel and get to work. Unfortunately, such a reality can often lead to aches and pains, as many a veteran snow shoveller can willingly attest. What's important for back pain sufferers to know is they are certainly not alone. According to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, treating back pain costs nearly \$100 billion annually.

Such a figure is likely significantly higher than most people might expect. However, that figure is indicative of the prevalence of back pain, whether it's afflicting people on an interim basis thanks to a driveway full of snow or if the situation is chronic. The good thing about so many people suffering from back pain is that much is being done to combat it, offering those suffering from mild to more advanced stages a variety of options for relieving their pain.

For those suffering from mild back pain as a result of too much shovelling or lifting something too heavy, over-the-counter pain relievers have proven to help many times. Ibuprophen, aspirin and acetaminophen are all available and have proven helpful for those with just minor back pain. Minor back pain sufferers can also use a heating pad or a cold bag, alone or in combination with over-the-counter

drugs, to help relieve most, if not all, of the pain.

For those suffering from more intense and lasting back pain, however, a couple of tablets of aspirin and a heating pad will likely not do the trick. This is not to say your cause is helpless, but it will just take more effort, and money, to treat your condition. Unfortunately, back pain is chiefly characterized by variability, making a doctor's diagnosis with respect to the effects of treatment and length of symptoms nowhere near as concrete as diagnoses for other ailments might be. It's important to keep in mind for any back pain sufferers that studies released by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) within the last 10 years have shown that even a month after treatment, 33 percent of sufferers have reported continuing pain while about a quarter of those surveyed reported substantial limitations on their activities. This suggests that even the most effective treatments will not eradicate pain entirely.

Perhaps the one treatment to be most wary of is spinal fusion surgery. Historically, surgery was largely a condition-specific option not even considered for the majority of back pain sufferers. However, in recent years spinal surgeries have increased greatly, which is not necessarily a good thing, as many have pointed out that longterm effects of surgery seem to be no more beneficial than other, less expen-

sive treatments. This was first pointed out in a 2001 Swedish study that showed tremendous benefits in the first two years after surgery, but no lasting effects or differences when compared to patients who did not have surgery. Soon thereafter, other studies offered similar results, including a 2003 Norwegian study that suggested aggressive regimens combined with cognitive behavior therapy proved equally as effective at reducing pain as did fusion surgeries. Again, this is important to note due to the escalating costs of spinal fusion surgeries and their apparently minimallongterm effectiveness.

While American surgeons might scoff at the results of these studies, it's important to consider these same surgeons do not make money by suggesting alternatives to surgery. The best way to approach potential back surgery might be a return to the days when spinal surgeries were condition-specific and not a uniform answer for everyone. Sufferers of sciatica, for instance, where intense pain shoots down the leg as a result of a spinal injury, will often find surgery to be their most viable option. Still, while the surgery-first mentality shifted greatly in favor of surgeries over the last several years, other options have now come into play that should decrease the prevalence of spinal surgeries.

One evolving branch of treating back pain is known as Spinal Arthroplasty, an option that of-

fers non-fusion techniques to treating back pain. The goal of spinal arthroplasty is to restore or replace degenerative spinal joints through the use of minimally invasive technology. While this branch is still in its infant stages, for those suffering from chronic back pain it should come, as some solace, as spinal arthroplasty is being geared toward reducing pain via avenues other than costly spinal fusion surgeries.

Still, as the Norwegian study suggested in 2003, exercise might be the best option. At first glance, the concept of exercise when suffering lower back pain might seem incomprehensible. But too much rest only worsens back pain. Such is the reason most exercise regimens for back pain sufferers are combined with cognitive behavioral therapy aimed at re-programming one's brain into being less sensitive to pain. This theory suggests back pain is not only physical, but neurological as well, essentially saying acute back pain causes a person's central nervous system to become hyperactive as a means to combatting pain. This, as supporters of the exercise and behavior therapy suggest, can be treated through reprogramming that will gradually allow sufferers to feel less pain as they exercise more and become less sensitive to pain. All the while, treatments such as acupuncture, physical therapy and even chiropractic treatments can be incorporated into the regimen.

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# Business owners offer variety of pianos, along with music appreciation

Mark MacLeod and Alice Alviani have opened their business Family Piano Co. on Genesee Street in Waukegan. The business offers new and used pianos along with electric keyboards and player pianos.



Sandy Bressner - sbressner@nwnewsgroup.com

## • PIANOS

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The brand has been a staple in Europe since the 1870s, but did not become available in the U.S. until recently.

Alice Alviani who partnered with MacLeod on the venture, said the closest stores that offer Perzina pianos are in Green Bay, Wis., and Madison, Wis.

"They sound gorgeous," she said. "You can't help but fall in love with them."

Gary Trafton, managing director of Piano Marketing Group, LLC, cited the model's soundboard, which is made from Austrian white spruce, and its superior craftsmanship as reasons for the buzz. Trafton is a distributor for Family Piano.

White spruce trees, he explained, are found at an elevation where the trees grow slower, causing the rings in the wood to form closer together than at lower elevations. This makes for a higher-quality sound.

Chris Vance, president of the California-based Piano Empire, partnered with Piano Marketing Group to distribute the Perzina models to Alviani and MacLeod. Along with the availability of a sought-after brand, Vance said, the passion the co-owners have

for their new business would lead to success.

"They have dynamic personalities and [are] wonderful people," he said. "They're hardworking [and] they're technicians so they know pianos."

MacLeod and Alviani have been working as technicians for 12 and 23 years respectively.

Aside from the Perzina brand, the store offers quality used pianos and moderately-priced new models as well, Alviani said. Family Piano Co. also sells electric keyboards and player pianos.

MacLeod, who was trained at the American Conservatory of Music, will offer six months of free lessons to teenagers and adults who purchase a piano at the store. Both he and Alviani also will offer tuning, repair and restoration services.

Alviani explained that the major goal of Family Piano Co. would be to involve as many people in music as possible.

"We very sincerely want to help families," she said. "Mark and I are totally convinced that our lives personally would have been a mess if we hadn't had music in our teens and 20s. Music is just so important to my spirit, and I think there are so many people that are really hungry for that."

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## Credit union seeks volunteers for board

Application deadline scheduled for Dec. 1

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Member-owned Consumers Credit Union is seeking volunteers to run for its board of directors in an upcoming election.

Serving on the board is a volunteer position that meets approximately once a month throughout the year.

Any members of the Consumers Credit Union can run for the board, regardless of age or how long they have been a member.

Four positions on the 13-member board are up for election to serve three-year terms.

The deadline for applying is Dec. 1. The election will take place at Consumer Credit Union's Annual Meeting on

March 8 at the Country Squire in Grayslake.

"Our board has always taken [its] responsibility quite seriously ... and the result is that we've grown and evolved for more than 76 years," Consumers Credit Union President Sean Rathjen said.

Interested members can send their statement of intent via e-mail to [marketing@my-consumers.org](mailto:marketing@my-consumers.org), or by mail to Consumers Credit Union, Attn: Nominating Committee, PO Box 91119, Waukegan, IL, 60079-9119.

For more information about running for the board, contact Rathjen at (847) 782-4670.

Consumers Credit Union has locations in Waukegan, Mundelein, Round Lake Beach and Gurnee.



**MARTIN T. PADJEN**

Died: Oct. 29, 2006  
Former owner of  
Antioch  
Bowling Alley



CLEARWATER, FLA. – Martin T. Padjen, age 79, of Palm Harbor, Fla., died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, at Palm Garden of Clearwater, Fla., nursing home. He was born in Ashland, Wis., and moved to Florida in 1998 from Lake Villa. He was a former business owner of Antioch Bowling Alley and Fargo ice in Lake Villa for over 20 years and a WW II Army Veteran. He was a member of the Lions Club and the American Legion and was a Trustee of Lake Villa Township.

Survivors include three daughters, Sandra R. Hunt of Palm Harbor, Fla., Laura Sterbenz of Philadelphia, and Linda Stott of Australia; two sons, Martin and Ronald, both of Lake Villa; three brothers, George of Mellen, Wis., John of Eau Claire, Wis.; and Jim of Mellen, Wis.; and six grandchildren. Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home of Clearwater, Fla., handled the arrangements. Please sign the Guest Book at

www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

**LILLIAN SUE COX**

Born: Sept. 2, 1952  
Died: Nov. 6, 2006  
She loved flowers, reading, TV and bird watching



GRAYSLAKE – Lillian Sue Cox, age 54 of Grayslake, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at her home.

Survivors include her daughter, Stephanie (Paul) Hinkel of Arlington Heights, and a sister, Ann (Brian) Wright.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m., Nov. 11, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment was in Highland Memorial Park in Libertyville. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Nov. 10 at the funeral home. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

**ROSE KASKIE**

Born: July 8, 1915  
Died: Nov. 8, 2006  
Was a member of the Antioch Senior Center

ROUND LAKE – Rose Kaskie, age 91, formerly of Antioch, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at Hillcrest Nursing Center, Round Lake. She was born in Blithedale, Pa., the daughter of

the late Simon and Mary Zobrowski. On Oct. 10, 1940, she married Albin Kaskie in Chicago and he preceded her in death on Sept. 17, 1975.

Survivors include her daughter, Carol (John) Mason of Carbondale, and her two grandsons. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her brother.

Funeral services with Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m., Nov. 10, at St. Peter Church, 557 Lake St., Antioch. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery, Antioch. Visitation was from 9 a.m., Nov. 10, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. (Rte 83) until 10:30 a.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the Antioch Senior Center or St. Peter Church in her memory. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

**GREGORY M. BIGSBY**

Born: Oct. 6, 1961  
Died: Nov. 5, 2006  
Was employed at Amcor Flexible Healthcare in Mundelein

LAKEMOOR – Gregory M. Bigsby, age 45 of Lakemoor, passed away suddenly, Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, at the Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. He was employed by Amcor Flexible Healthcare in Mundelein.

Surviving are his wife, Susan Bigsby and four children, Jayson and Tabatha Bigsby of Genoa City, Wis. and Benjamin and Kathryn Bigsby of Lakemoor; a granddaughter, and his mother, Pat Bigsby.

Visitation was from 2 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 11, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. The funeral service was held during the visitation. Memorial contributions can be made to the family, as an education fund is being established for his children. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

**SOPHIE OHMSTEAD**

Born: April 3, 1917  
Died: Nov. 6, 2006  
She had a great sense of humor

KENOSHA, WIS. – Sophie Ohmstead, age 89, of Kenosha, Wis., died on Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at United Hospital System – St. Catherine's Campus. Born in Kenosha, Wis., she was the daughter of the late Jacob and Mary (Turowski) Seroka. On April 27, 1963, in Waukegan, she was united in marriage to Wilbert J. Ohmstead. He preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 1979. Sophie will be remembered for her great sense of humor, her enjoyment of gambling and most of all her love and devotion to her family.

She is survived by her stepdaughter, Joanne (Harold) Springer of Granger, Ind.; four grandchildren, her great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, and three sisters.

The funeral was held Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. at the Piasecki-Althaus Funeral Home, in Kenosha, Wis. Interment followed in Green Ridge Cemetery. Visitation was held on Nov. 10 from 5 until 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

**JANINE L. LEWAN**

Born: Sept. 23, 1914  
Died: Nov. 9, 2006  
Lived in Libertyville since 2001

LIBERTYVILLE – Janine L. Lewan, age 92 of Libertyville, passed away Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at the Libertyville Manor.

Surviving are her son, Larry (Sharon) Lewan of Libertyville; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a sister. She was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Michaelina Horwath; her husband, Harry C. Lewan on May 30, 1980, and by two brothers.

Prayers began at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 11

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at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and services continued to St. Joseph Church in Libertyville for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment followed at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles. Visitation was from 3 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 10. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

## JOSEPH W. SOCHOR

Born: March 13, 1920  
Died: Nov. 8, 2006

*Was a plumber most of his life*

SPRING GROVE – Joseph W. Sochor, age 86 of Spring Grove, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at his home. He was born in Chicago, the son of the late Frank and Antonia (Mickie) Sochor. On March 9, 1943, he married Gertrude Orzechowski in Chicago. Their only child, a son, Richard, passed away several years ago.

Survivors include a nephew, Donald Slavicek in Minnesota and also his dear friends and neighbor in Spring Grove, Donald and Carolyn Baranowski and their children and grandchildren.

A memorial funeral service was held at 7 p.m., Nov. 14, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with visitation starting at 6 p.m. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

## BERNARD 'BEN' GORDON PETERKORT

Born: Sept. 16, 1927  
Died: Nov. 8, 2006

*Was an avid sportsman*



GRAYSLAKE – Bernhard "Ben" Gordon Peterkort, age 79 of Grayslake, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. Born in Oak Park to Ben and Elma Peterkort, Ben proudly served his country as a Marine during World War II and the Korean War. He became a sign painter and worked at Marriott's Great America for 10 years and was an independent sign painter until 2006.

Survivors include his wife Rosemary; his children, Steve (Molly) Peterkort, Randy (Tammy) Peterkort, Debbie (Dave) Anderson, Jennifer (Steve) Akin, and Julie (Mike) Visocnik; his stepdaughters Roxanne Morse, Lisa Jackson, and Jan Struck; and his 13 grandchildren. His aforementioned parents, sister Julie, and son Bennie precede him in death.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m., Nov. 13, at St. Mary of the Annunciation (Fremont Center), in

Mundelein. Interment followed at East Fox Lake Cemetery in Lake Villa. Friends of the family visited from 4 to 8 p.m., Nov. 12, at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, in Grayslake. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the St. Mary of the Annunciation Garden Fund. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

## WANDA I. GUMINSKI (nee PALKA)

Born: Nov. 16, 1917  
Died: Nov. 9, 2006

INGLESIDE – Wanda I. Guminski (nee Palka), age 88, of Ingleside, died Nov. 9, 2006, at home. She was born Nov. 16, 1917, in Chicago.

She was the beloved wife of (the late) Edmund; loving mother of Shirley (Benjamin) Nemec; and cherished grandmother of Nicole Nemec.

Visitation was held from 9 to 10 a.m., Nov. 11, at St. Bede's Catholic Church in Ingleside. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m., Nov. 11, at St. Bede's Catholic Church in Ingleside. Entombment took place at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice. Donations may be made to the charity of choice. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

## REGINA 'REGGIE' GRABOWSKI (nee NOVOGORSKI)

Born: Jan. 22, 1918  
Died: Nov. 13, 2006

*Enjoyed music, gardening, baking, and family outings*

FOX LAKE – Regina "Reggie" Grabowski (nee Novogorski), age 88, a resident of Lakeland Apts. in Fox Lake for the past nine years, and a former longtime resident of Lake Villa, died Monday Nov. 13, 2006, at the Lake Forest Hospital. She was born on Jan. 22, 1918, in Chicago to Stanley and Stella (nee Mizgalski) Novogorski and was united in marriage to Eugene Grabowski on Aug. 26, 1937. She was a longtime devoted member of St. Bede Catholic Church in Ingleside, and had been a member of the Mother's Club, The Fox Lake Garden Club, and the Red Hat Society. Music, gardening, baking, family outings and caring for her family and many friends, added enjoyment to her life.

She will be greatly missed by her children: Eileen (Arthur) Moldenhauer of Johnsburg, Richard (Nancy) Grabowski of Libertyville, Jeanne (Peter) Dziadus of Ingleside; grandchildren: Bryan (Sheila) Grabowski of Wadsworth, Dr. Kristy Grabowski of Gurnee; two great-grandchildren, Joseph and Sarah Grabowski; and by

many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, and by her husband, Eugene J. Grabowski on Sept. 27, 1974.

Visitation was Thursday, Nov. 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the K.K. Hamsher Funeral Home, 12 N. Pistakee Lk. Rd. in Fox Lake, (The Chapel On The Lake). At 10 a.m., on Friday, Nov. 17, a Catholic Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Bede Catholic Church, 36455 N. Wilson Rd., in Ingleside. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Memorials for Masses, The American Lung Association, 1440 W. Washington Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607 or the Fox Lake Fire Dept./Rescue Squad (Social) P.O. Box 26 Fox Lake, IL 60020 will be appreciated by the family. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

## JONATHAN W. 'BUD' KAUCNIK

Born: Feb. 17, 1971  
Died: Nov. 9, 2006

*Was a member of the Knollwood Sportsmen's Club in Lake Bluff*

BEACH PARK – Jonathan W. "Bud" Kaucnik, age 35 of Beach Park, passed away suddenly, Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006 at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. He was the owner of Cutting Edge Drywall in Beach Park.

Surviving are his wife, Joanna (nee DiBerardino) Kaucnik and son, Jonathan V.E. Kaucnik; his parents, Edward and Bonnie Kaucnik and brother, David E. (Renee) Kaucnik of Beach Park.

Visitation will be from noon until the time of services at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave., (Route 176), Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

## ELIZABETH M. RONN

Born: Aug. 28, 1940  
Died: Nov. 10, 2006

*Resident of McHenry*

McHENRY – Elizabeth M. Ronn, age 66, of McHenry, passed away Friday, Nov. 10, 2006 at Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. She was born to the late, Joe and Lizetta Scaramella.

Elizabeth is survived by her husband of 48 years, Donald Ronn; her children, Linda (Steve) Schmitz, Marion Ronn, and Ralph (Kate) Ronn; her seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two sisters. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service was held on Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Strang Funeral Chapel in Grayslake. Friends of the family visited from 5 p.m. until the time of the service at the funeral

chapel. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Seasons Hospice, 606 Potter Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

## ESTHER LOUELLA BRADTKE

Born: March 31, 1918  
Died: Nov. 14, 2006

*Owned and operated Gravelly Point Resort in Arbor Vitae, Wis.*

GRAYSLAKE – Esther Louella Bradtke, age 88 of Grayslake, passed away Tuesday Nov. 14, 2006, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born in Luverne, Minn., on March 31, 1918, to Ole and Anna (nee Lund) Refnes. Esther owned and operated Gravelly Point Resort in Arbor Vitae, Wis., for over 30 years.

Survivors include her son, Bryce (Mary E.) Carus of Grayslake; her grandchildren; her great-grandchildren; and her siblings. Her husband, Joseph Bradtke and numerous brothers and sisters precede her in death.

Interment will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 100 Tri-State International, Ste. 125, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. All care is entrusted to Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

## MICHAEL R. ZALESKY

Born: July 19, 1978  
Died: Nov. 13, 2006

*Worked at the Lindenhurst Butera food store*

Round Lake Beach – Michael R. Zalesky, age 28, of Round Lake Beach, died Monday, Nov. 13, 2006. He was born in Libertyville on July 19, 1978, to Robert H. and Carol P. (Tomas) Zalesky. A longtime resident of the Round Lake area, he attended St. Joseph Catholic School and Round Lake School District 116. He attended and graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in 1999, after which time he traveled to the Netherlands and throughout Europe. Upon returning to the United States, he worked at the Lindenhurst Butera food store and also Lake Villa Liquors. He enjoyed heavy metal music and concerts and his favorite musical group was Metallica.

He is survived by his parents, a sister, Heather Zalesky of Round Lake; his maternal grandmother, Erma Tomas; and his paternal grandmother, Evelyn Zalesky. Other survivors include two uncles, Daniel (Gloria) Tomas and Roger (Peggy) Tomas; three aunts, Patricia (Bruce) Smith, Janis (Tom) Faber, and Linda Tomas. He was pre-

ceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Henry Zalesky, and his maternal grandfather, Felix Tomas; an uncle, Timothy Tomas, and an aunt, Kathleen Cordell.

Friends may gather and meet the family between 9:45 and 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Round Lake. The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Nov. 17, at 10 a.m. at the church, with the Rev. Joseph Allen officiating. Interment will be private. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

## ROBERT L. MARSHALL

Born: Feb. 17, 1927  
Died: Nov. 11, 2006

*Served with the Army in Japan*

GAGES LAKE – Robert L. Marshall, age 79, of Gages Lake, formerly of Libertyville, died Nov. 11, 2006, at his home. He worked for Jewel Foods of Gurnee since its grand opening.

Survivors include his three children, Rob (Robin) Marshall of Gurnee, Rick Marshall of Chicago and Michelle (John) Preusser of Geneva; and his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Helen Lynn in 2004.

Services began with prayers at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 15, at McMurrough Funeral Chapel in Libertyville, and continued to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Gurnee, for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment with military honors took place in Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m., Nov. 14, at the funeral chapel. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

## DONNA MAE BAIRSTOW (nee GUINN)

Died: Nov. 10, 2006

*Worked for Waukegan Public schools as a secretary and switchboard operator*

WAUKEGAN – Donna Mae Bairstow (nee Guynn), age 77 of Waukegan passed away on Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at Holy Family Medical Center in Des Plaines, after losing a lengthy battle with illness. She co-owned D & D Food Store and worked for Waukegan Public Schools as a secretary and switchboard operator.

She is survived by her children, Gail (Ray) Wiltgen, John G. (Marge) Bairstow, Jennifer (Rick) Moore; her grandchildren, Johnny, Scott, Shannon, Bret Bairstow, Brandon Webber and Rachel Wiltgen; step-grandchildren, Ricky, Rachel, Jordan and Ryan Moore; her brother, Gordon (Rosemary) Guynn; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation with a service was on Nov. 15 at Peterson & Patch Funeral



Home in Waukegan. In lieu of flowers, donations in Donna's memory may be made to the American Lung Association or to Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

## DENISE PRAZAK

Born: July 22, 1952

Died: Nov. 10, 2006

Was the manager of the Midas Muffler Shop in Lake Zurich

WAUCONDA - Denise Prazak, age 54 of Wauconda, died Nov. 10, 2006, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington.

She is survived by her husband, Allen C. Prazak, whom she married June 1, 1985, in Wauconda; children, Patricia Bradley of Bloomington and Joseph (Ivy) Bradley of Lake Villa; mother, Florence Stevens; and brothers.

The funeral was held Nov. 16 at the Kahle-Moore Funeral Home in Cary. Burial was in Windridge Memorial Park. Visitation was Nov. 15 at the funeral home. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

## Recent Deaths

**RICHARD J. CHENOWETH**, 78 of Antioch, Oct. 30, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

**DEBORAH J. WORD**, 61 of Mundelein, Oct. 28, 2006. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville

**HENRY F. LUBKEMAN JR.**, 81 of Antioch, Oct. 31, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

**JOAN I. FRENCZY**, 77 of Libertyville, Nov. 1, 2006. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home of Libertyville

**WILLIAM 'PAT' JENNINGS**, 68 of Libertyville, Nov. 1, 2006. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville

**MARGARET E. BAIRD**, 89 of Grayslake, Nov. 1, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake

**HELEN M. SWANSON (nee STEIN-CAMPER)**, 86 of Long Lake, Nov. 1, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake

**EARL R. CAMM**, 51 of Round Lake, Nov. 1, 2006. Arr: K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake

## BILL IANSON

Born: Oct. 1, 1958

Died: Nov. 9, 2006

Enjoyed music, sports, the Chicago Bears and his family

WINTHROP HARBOR - Bill Ianson, age 48 of Winthrop Harbor, died on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at his home. He graduated from Zion-Benton township High School and was employed for 27 years at American Fiber Company in Waukegan.

Survivors include his father, Leonard E. Ianson of Kenosha, Wis.; his mother, Shirley Ianson of Beach Park; two brothers, Glenn Ianson of Green Bay, Wis. and Richard (Diana) Ianson of Zion; three nephews; and a niece. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Erica in 1990; his paternal grandparents; and his maternal grandparents.

Visitation was held Nov. 15 at the Congdon Funeral Home in Zion. Private interment services will be held later at Mt. Olivet Memorial Park in Zion. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

**JOHN ERIK WALDENSTROM**, 64 of Grayslake, Nov. 2, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake

**PETER CARLYLE FAY**, 48 of Mundelein, Nov. 2, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake

**GREGORY P. GUREVITZ**, 41 of Woodstock, Nov. 2, 2006. Arr: Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home in Wauconda

**OSANNA POSTERLI**, 63 of Grayslake, Nov. 3, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake

**DOLORES M. MCGEE**, 77 of Round Lake Beach, Nov. 3, 2006. Arr: Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home

**DOROTHY M. EISERMAN**, 73 of Lake Villa, Nov. 3, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake

**ALFRED 'FRED' BLOOM**, 88 of Antioch, Nov. 4, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

**ANTON LOUIS HELLSTERN**, 90 of Fox Lake, Nov. 4, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

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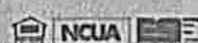
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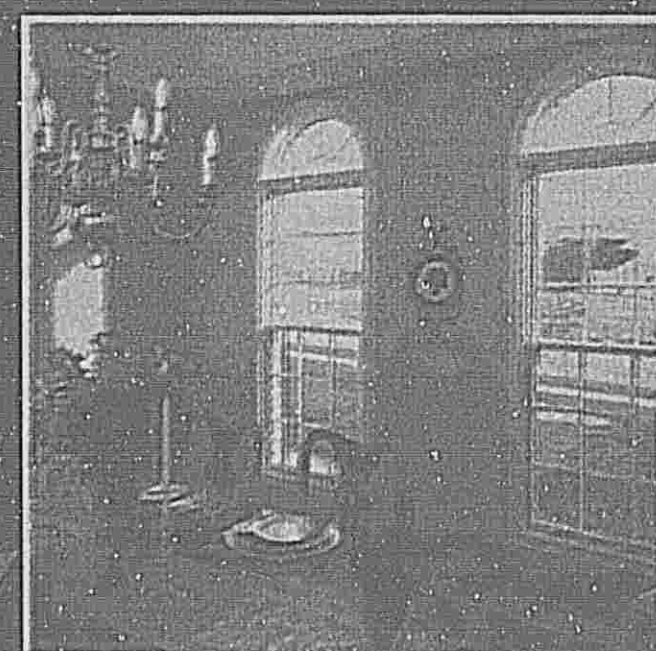
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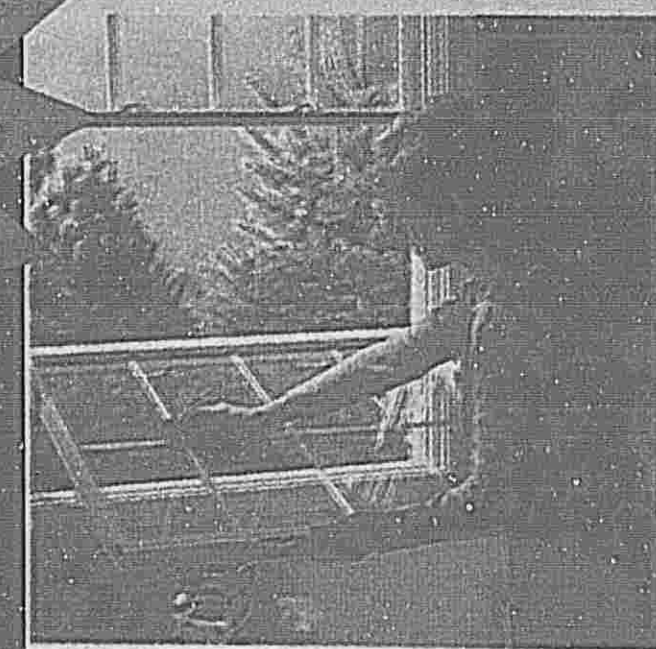
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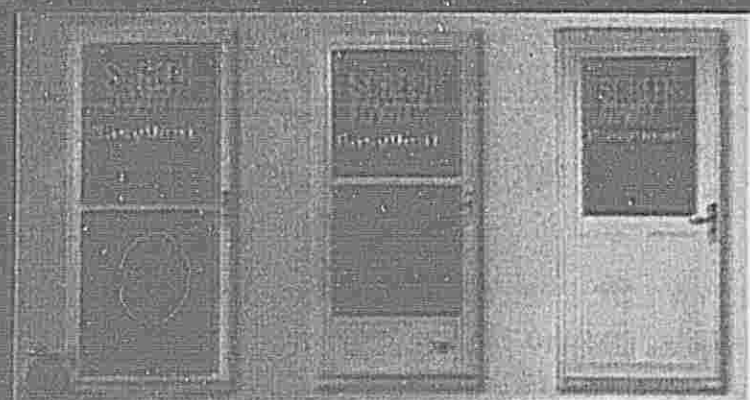
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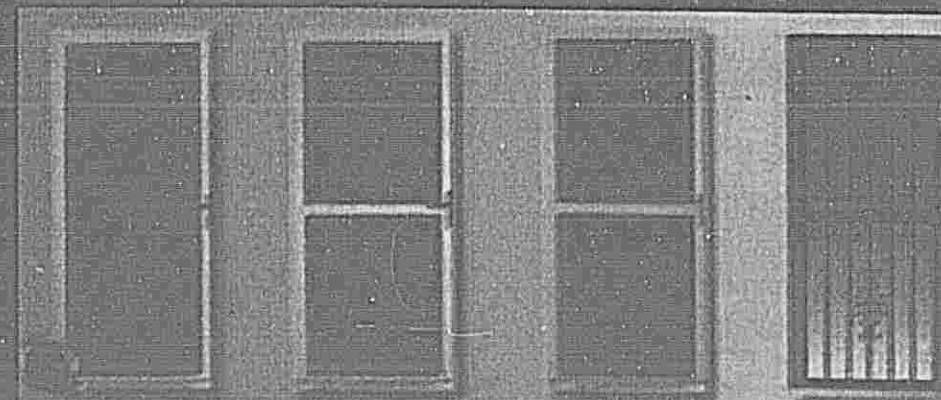
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- **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays. Antioch VFW. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Call (847) 395-5393 for more information.
- **Pinochle.** 12:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.
- **CPR classes.** 6 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays. Squad Building, 835 Holbek Dr., sponsored by Antioch Rescue Squad. \$5 fee. Call (847) 395-5511 to learn more.
- **Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Dorothy Stark at (847) 395-7407 or Betty Muller at (847) 838-3907 for more information.
- **Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting.** Noon, Tuesdays. Bacchus Restaurant. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Call Melissa at (847) 489-8044 or e-mail at mjrigoni@hotmail.com for more information.
- **Irish-American Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., fourth Thursdays. State Bank of the Lakes. Call (847) 395-3942 for details.
- **Antioch Coin Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Mondays. Antioch Library, 757 Main St. Open to the public. Call JoAnne at (847) 395-4738 for more information.
- **Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Mondays. Antioch Community High School band room. Area musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. No auditions. Call Debbie Davis at (847) 395-0272 to learn more.
- **Open gym.** 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

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- **Grandparents Who Are Raising Their Grandchildren support group meeting.** 10-11:30 a.m., Thursdays. Call Stephanie Loda at (847) 432-4981 for details.

### BEACH PARK

- **Zion Genealogical Society meeting.** 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20. Beach Park Village Hall, 11270 Wadsworth Rd. Jeffrey Bockman presents "Using Maps in Genealogical Research." For more information, call Joanne at (847) 360-0360.

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- **Crystal Lake Toastmasters**

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### FOX LAKE

- **Mr. Bulldog pageant.** 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17. Grant Community High School auditorium, Grand Ave. Admission is \$5 per person. A fundraiser for prom.
- **Crafts & Collectibles Fair.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18. Lutheran Church of All Saints, 5800 State Park Rd. Lunch and bakery goods will be available for purchase. For more information, call (847) 587-7737.
- **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Thursdays. American Legion Auxiliary Post 703, 703 N. Rt. 12. Call (847) 587-2323 for information.
- **Bingo.** 7 p.m., Saturdays. Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department, 114 Washington St.
- **Take Off Pounds Sensibly support group meeting.** 6:15 p.m., Tuesdays. Fox Lake Community Center, South St. Call Jan at (847) 587-2727 for information.
- **American Legion Post 703 meeting.** 7:45 p.m., fourth Wednesdays. Legion Hall, N. Rt. 12. Call (847) 587-2179 for information.

### INGLESIDE

- **Grant Township Board meeting.** 7 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Administration Center, 26725 W. Molitor Rd. Call (847) 740-2233 to learn more.
- **Fox Lake/Round Lake Area Rotary meeting.** Noon, Fridays at Za Za's, 69 Washington.
- **Grant Hall Museum.** 1-4 p.m., Sundays. Fox Lake-Grant Township Area Historical Society, 411 Washington St. Admission free, donations accepted. For information, call (847) 587-0544 or mail P.O. Box 224, Ingleside, IL 60041.
- **Lake County Astronomical Society meeting.** 8:30-10 p.m., third Fridays. Volo Bog State Natural Area. Meeting followed by a 9:30 p.m. viewing period. For information, call (815) 344-1294 or visit [www.lcas-astronomy.org](http://www.lcas-astronomy.org).

### ISLAND LAKE

- **19th Annual Holiday Craft Show.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19. Island Lake Village Hall, 3720 Greenleaf Ave. For more information, call (847) 526-4851.

### LAKE VILLA

- **Weigh to Win meeting.** 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian

Center, Monaville Rd. Call (847) 356-6181 to learn more.

- **Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Cathy at (847) 587-7710 or Debbie at (847) 687-5531 for details.
- **Chain O'Lakes Model A Ford Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Tuesdays. Lake Villa City Park, Fairfield and Grand Avenue.
- **MOMS Club of Lake Villa/Lindenhurst meeting.** 9:30 a.m., Mondays. Lake Villa District Library, 1001 Grand Ave. Children welcome. For more information, call Erin Bearss at (847) 546-1545.

### LAKE ZURICH

- **Ela Area Public Library Board meeting.** 6 p.m., third Tuesdays. Ela Area Public Library, 275 Mohawk Trail. Visit [www.eapl.org](http://www.eapl.org) for an agenda.
- **Lake Zurich Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 5 p.m., Wednesdays. St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 24500 N. Old McHenry Rd. Lose weight with group support. Call (847) 550-6415 for details.
- **The Village Singers rehearsal.** 7:30 p.m., Mondays. Good Shepherd Bible Church, 330 S. Old Rand Rd. The Village Singers of Lake Zurich are a non-audition, community, mixed choir. Call Jeannine Saltman at (847) 726-2011 to learn more.

### LIBERTYVILLE

- **Adult Children of Alcoholics support group meeting.** 7 p.m., Mondays. St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 W. Church St. Call (847) 362-2110 or visit [www.acoa-libertyville.org](http://www.acoa-libertyville.org) for details.
- **Young Onset Parkinson's Support Group support meeting.** 7-9 p.m., third Mondays. Grace Lutheran Church, 502 Valley Park Dr. Call Marlene at (847) 367-1679 or Jan at (847) 395-5502 for more information.
- **Widowed Outreach Network of Lake County meeting.** 1:45-3:30 p.m., fourth Sundays. Condell's Allen Conference Center, 700 Garfield. For more information, call (847) 990-5275 or (847) 367-0087.
- **Fibromyalgia self-help group meeting.** 7:30 p.m., fourth Thursdays. Adult Day Care Center, Condell Hospital, 700 Garfield Ave. For more information, call (847) 362-8977.

### LINDENHURST

- **Lindenhurst Lakes Commission meeting.** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21. Village Hall Board Room. Call (847) 356-8252 for more information.
- **Free blood pressure screen-**

**ing.** 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. Victory Lakes Continued Care Center. Call (847) 356-5900 to learn more.

### LAKE FOREST

- **Holiday Boutique.** Nov. 17-18; Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Deer Path Inn, 255 E. Illinois Rd. Fundraiser for Hunter Family Center for Women's Health. Admission is \$10, \$5 for seniors and students, and is unlimited readmission. For more information, call (847) 535-6111 or e-mail [kmohar@lakeforesthospital.com](mailto:kmohar@lakeforesthospital.com).

### LONG GROVE

- **Olive oil tasting.** Friday, Nov. 17-Sunday, Nov. 19. The Olive Tap, 308 Old McHenry Rd. Choose from an assortment of more than 20 oils and balsamic vinegars from around the world, and how to use them. For more information, call (847) 478-8741.

### McHENRY

- **Tourette Syndrome Assn. of Illinois support group meeting.** 7-8:30 p.m., third Fridays. Elm Street Place Office Complex, lower level meeting room, 5400 W. Elm St. For additional information, call (815) 675-0436.

### MILLBURN

- **Lake County Doll Collectors meeting.** 1 p.m., third Saturdays. Millburn Congregational Church, Rt. 45 and Grass Lake Rd. Call (847) 623-2072 for details.

### MUNDELEIN

- **Wild carrot in concert.** 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19. El Barrio Restaurant & Lounge, 1122 Diamond Lake Rd. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, call The Lake County Folk Club at (847) 295-7228 or visit [www.the.lakecountyyfolk-club.org](http://www.the.lakecountyyfolk-club.org).
- **Sierra Club of Lake County meeting.** 7 p.m., third Tuesdays. Fremont Township Office, 22376 W. Erhart Rd. For more information, call Evan Craig at (847) 680-6437.
- **Wood Carving Club meeting.** 2-5 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Community Protestant Church, 418 N. Prairie. Call (847) 623-2072 for details.

### PORT BARRINGTON

- **Mall in the Hall.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18. Port Barrington Village Hall, 69 S. Circle Ave. Home-based vendors. For more information, call Sue at (847) 639-4263.

### ROUND LAKE

- **Bingo.** 6:30 p.m. Saturdays. St. Joseph's, Lincoln Ave. Doors open at

3:45 p.m.

- **Knights of Columbus Bingo.** 3 p.m., Sundays. St. Joseph's Church, 114 N. Lincoln, Round Lake.
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- **Big Brothers, Big Sisters meeting.** 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 510 Cedar Lake Rd. Call (847) 360-0770 for information.

### ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS

- **Round Lake Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. Indian Hill School, 1920 N. Lotus Dr. New musicians and all instruments are always welcome. Call Christi at (847) 546-8558, ext. 422, to learn more.

### SPRING GROVE

- **Spring Grove Village Board meeting.** 6 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Council Chambers at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Rd. For more information, call (815) 675-2121.

### WADSWORTH

- **Village of Wadsworth Board meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Village Hall, 14155 Wadsworth Rd.

### ZION

- **6th Annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18. Rolling Hills Place, 3521 16th St. Crafts made by the residents of Rolling Hills Manor and Rolling Hills Place. Also outside crafters, special vendors, baked goods. For more information or donations, call Debbie DeGraffenreid or Shannon Ferguson at (847) 746-2147.
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- **Zion Park District Senior Citizens Club meeting.** 10 a.m., Wednesdays. Shiloh Center, 2600 Emmaus Ave.

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# NASCAR THIS WEEK

WHAT'S UP NEXT

## NEXTTEL CUP SERIES

■ **Race:** Ford 400  
 ■ **Where:** Homestead-Miami (Fla.) Speedway (1.5 miles), 267 laps/400.5 miles.  
 ■ **When:** Sunday, Nov. 19  
 ■ **Last year's winner:** Greg Biffle  
 ■ **Qualifying record:** Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 181.111 mph, Nov. 14, 2003.  
 ■ **Race record:** Greg Biffle, Ford, 131.431 mph, Nov. 20, 2005.  
 ■ **Last week:** Not every ballgame is a nail-biter, and not every race is a side-by-side finish. Kevin Harvick's victory in the Checker Auto Parts 500k was as barren as the desert that surrounds Phoenix International Raceway. Most of the final moments were spent with all the cars sitting motionless on the track. After NASCAR officials inexplicably al-

lowed Clint Bowyer's ailing Chevrolet to completely coat the track with oil — and leaving cars spinning in his wake — it took a red flag to restore order. That was with six laps to go. When NASCAR officials ordered the cars restarted, Harvick's would-n't. It took a tow truck to boost it off. The tow truck was the only vehicle that kept up with the No. 29 all day. No one was going to beat Harvick competitively. A failing alternator almost beat him mechanically, though he still managed to hold off Jimmie Johnson during the final three laps of green-flag racing. It was his fifth victory of the season, though Johnson's runner-up finish gave him a huge advantage in the Chase for the Nextel Cup.

## BUSCH SERIES

■ **Race:** Ford 300  
 ■ **Where:** Homestead-Miami (Fla.) Speedway (1.5 miles), 200 laps/300 miles.  
 ■ **When:** Saturday, Nov. 18  
 ■ **Last year's winner:** Ryan Newman  
 ■ **Qualifying record:** Casey Mears, Dodge, 177.936 mph, Nov. 18, 2004.  
 ■ **Race record:** Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 132.191 mph, Nov. 11, 2001.  
 ■ **Last week:** Matt Kenseth, in a Ford, won the Arizona travel 200 at Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz.

## CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

■ **Race:** Ford 200  
 ■ **Where:** Homestead-Miami (Fla.) Speedway (1.5 miles), 134 laps/201 miles.  
 ■ **When:** Friday, Nov. 17  
 ■ **Last year's winner:** Todd Bodine  
 ■ **Qualifying record:** David Reutimann, Toyota, 173.116 mph, Nov. 18, 2005.  
 ■ **Race record:** Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 133.260 mph, Nov. 15, 2002.  
 ■ **Last week:** Johnny Benson, in a Toyota, won the Casino Arizona 150 at Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz.

## HOMESTEAD DATA



## TOP 10 IN POINTS

## NEXTTEL CUP

1.	Jimmie Johnson	6,332
2.	Matt Kenseth	-63
3.	Kevin Harvick	-90
4.	Denny Hamlin	-90
5.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-115
6.	Jeff Gordon	-167
7.	Jeff Burton	-225
8.	Mark Martin	-273
9.	Kasey Kahne	-319
10.	Kyle Busch	-359

## BUSCH SERIES

1.	Kevin Harvick*	5,493
2.	Carl Edwards	-844
3.	Clint Bowyer	-940
4.	Denny Hamlin	-986
5.	J.J. Yeley	-1,166
6.	Paul Menard	-1,588
7.	Kyle Busch	-1,612
8.	Greg Biffle	-1,753
9.	Johnny Sauter	-1,833
10.	Reed Sorenson	-1,860

## CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

1.	Todd Bodine	3,566
2.	Johnny Benson	-112
3.	David Reutimann	-183
4.	Ted Musgrave	-316
5.	David Starr	-357
6.	Ron Hornaday	-374
7.	Jack Sprague	-393
8.	Mike Skinner	-410
9.	Rick Crawford	-432
10.	Terry Cook	-440

\* clinched title

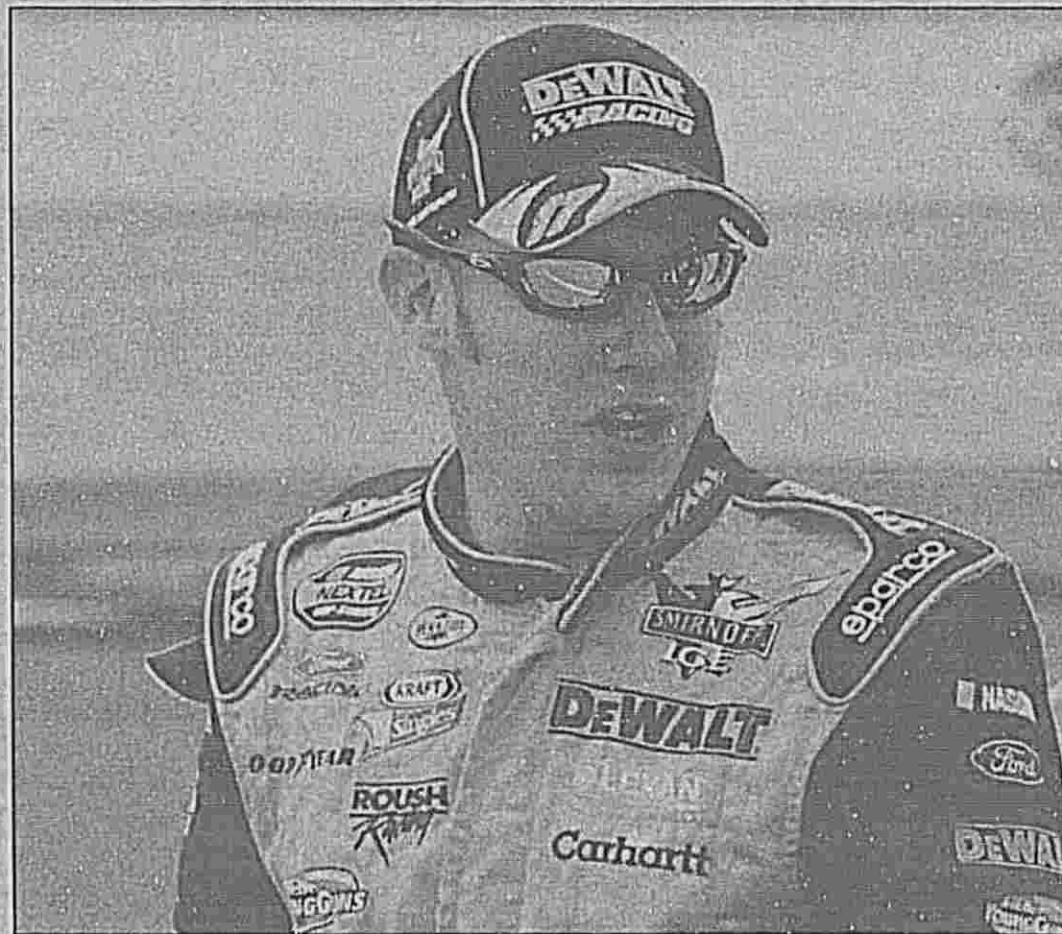
## Who's hot —

It's tough to beat a championship contender, Jimmie Johnson, when he's going five races without once finishing worse than second. ... Kevin Harvick has chalked up half his career victories this year.

## Who's not —

It looks like Matt Kenseth lost his shot at the title. How? He's led exactly three laps in the past five races. ... Kyle Busch has dropped 344 points off the pace in the nine Chase races.

## WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Now 63 points off the pace, Matt Kenseth's designs on a title may be dashed.

## FEUD OF THE WEEK



Gordon



Edwards

## Jeff Gordon vs. Carl Edwards

The two traded licks without consequence near the end of the Checker Auto Parts 500k, with no serious fight afterward. Gordon finished fourth, Edwards fifth. They huddled afterward. "We were just talking about vacation plans and stuff we're going to do at the end of the year," said Edwards, grinning. "It was exciting," said Gordon.

**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take:** "Isn't it nice to see what other sports would call 'no harm, no foul'?"

## Gordon ties the knot with Belgian supermodel

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Jeff Gordon and Belgian model Ingrid Vandeboosch were married on Tuesday, Nov. 7 — the bride's 37<sup>th</sup> birthday was the next day — in a private ceremony at an undisclosed location in Mexico.

Vandeboosch has had bit roles in several movies and was born in Zichen-Zussen-Bolder, Belgium on Nov. 8, 1969. Gordon turned 35 on Aug. 4. The couple put off the official honeymoon until after the season but were together here and will be in Mi-

ami during the season's final Nextel Cup race.

**A bit more to it** — What was originally a fairly harmless report about a Daytona Beach traffic accident ended up causing quite the stir after NASCAR Chairman Brian France hit a tree with his Lexus near the Chart House restaurant and a condominium he owns.

There were no charges, and the initial reports indicated the investigating officers failed to

administer a field sobriety test because there were no evidence of impairment.

A police report said France, 44, told a police officer called later to his home that he had "bumped into something" after entering the restaurant parking lot. As it turned out, the depiction of the incident was thoroughly contradicted by another account from an eyewitness.

A woman, Shirley Hill, who had called 911 from her car to report "a wild driver" told police in a statement that she saw France's car travel at "a very reckless speed" and that it hit a parked car before running into

the tree. According to The Associated Press, she said she watched France's car travel toward a nearby parking garage at France's condominium and that the man who got out "fell over his own feet."

The woman's statement wasn't initially attached to the accident report, and what eventually ensued was the Daytona Beach police chief, Mike Chitwood, personally interviewing the witness and offering the opinion that her account was "credible." Chitwood then reopened the investigation and suggested that disciplinary actions might be appropriate if he concluded his

officers had acted improperly by giving France "a break because of his last name."

**Some kind of season** — Johnson has already won two of the season's signature events, the Daytona 500 and the Brickyard 400, but that pales in comparison to the championship.

"I've never won the championship," he said, "but I would trade all my victories for a championship. In my life, everything I've done has been all about being the champion. That's been my goal."



## GIRLS SWIMMING: LAKE FOREST SECTIONAL

## Wildcats swim 'out of their minds'

## Libertyville takes home sectional title

By EMILY PREVITI  
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LAKE FOREST - When Libertyville's girls swimming coach Maggie Casteleyn suggests her athletes are head cases, she means it in a good way.

The Wildcats motored to a victory at the Lake Forest Sectional on Nov. 11.

Their 285-point triumph bested the 271-point tally of second-place Lake Forest, which defeated the Wildcats at the North Suburban Conference Meet one week earlier.

Casteleyn attributed the squad's success to a blend of health and heart.

"They swam out of their minds," Casteleyn said. "I couldn't be happier."

Some swimmers who swam tired at the NSC meet tapered; others who were sick swam healthy at sectionals, Casteleyn said.

The Wildcats opened the meet with a win as Dana Davidsen, Kelsie Neubauer, Emily Ott and Rachel Sparks posted a time of 1 minute, 49.58 seconds in the 200-yard medley relay to qualify for the IHSA State Girls Swimming and Diving Championship on Nov. 17 and 18 at Evanston Township High School.

Libertyville carried the tradition through the day. The team took first, second, or both places in seven of 11 races. Davidsen and Maggie Boling claimed the top spots in the 100 breaststroke after Neubauer and Ott did so in the 200 individual medley. All four athletes qualified for the state meet in those events.

"Usually I'm the No. 2," Neubauer said of the pair's continual close calls. "But it's great to be No. 1, and it's great that my teammate was with me at the end."

Neubauer dominated the 100



Libertyville's Kelsie Neubauer (right) and Emily Ott look at their times after finishing first and second, respectively, in the 200-yard individual medley during the Lake Forest Sectional.



Mundelein's Megan Thompson glides through the water during the 500-yard freestyle, taking second place and qualifying for state.

freestyle (52.52), dropping more than 1 second from her seed time.

She also anchored the Wildcats' winning 400 freestyle relay. At the start, Lake Forest jumped out in front, but Davidsen and Sparks brought Libertyville even, and Neubauer hammered out the final leg to break open water and secure the win.

Libertyville qualified two relays and eight individuals for the state meet. Those athletes include Katie Mroz in the 500 freestyle and Sparks in the 100

backstroke, which she won in 59.97.

Mundelein's Megan Thompson defeated Vernon Hills' Melanie Rowland in the 500 at last week's NSC Championships. But Thompson's move midway through the race failed to bring her in front of Rowland, who won in 5:04.99.

Thompson placed second in the 200 and 500 freestyle. She will swim both events at the state meet this weekend.

Mundelein diver Courtney

Wilhelm clinched a sectional title with a score of 437.15 points. Teammate Polly Hirt finished fourth (376.85) behind Mallory Mullady of Lake Forest (second, 419.45) and Libertyville's Brittany Tazzioli (third, 387.75).

Warren's Kristen O'Connor won the 50 freestyle. O'Connor gained a state slot with her victory, as all winners make it to state, regardless of their time. All those whose times are faster than the state standard can swim at the meet, but each team can enter a maximum of two athletes in each event.

O'Connor's teammates Sarah Falconer (200 IM) and Patty Wegrzynowicz (100 backstroke) also qualified for state.

But the Devils appeared blue after the meet ended with a disqualification in the 400 freestyle relay, preceded by close calls in two individual events. Courtney Jenkins improved her time in the 100 butterfly, but missed a state berth by less than 1 second. Then came Falconer's 1:08.71 in the 100 breaststroke (less than 0.2 seconds away from a state qualifying time.

## Lake Forest Sectional

## 200-yard medley relay: 1,

Libertyville (Dana Davidsen, Kelsie Neubauer, Emily Ott, Rachel Sparks) 1:49.58.\* 2, Lake Forest, 1:50.64.\* 3, Deerfield, 1:52.39.

## 200 freestyle: 1, Melanie Rowland,

Vernon Hills, 1:54.40.\* 2, Megan Thompson, Mundelein, 1:56.33.\* 3, Katie Mroz, Libertyville, 1:56.44\*.

## 200 individual medley: 1,

Neubauer, 2:08.29.\* 2, Ott, 2:09.51\*.\* 3, Allie Davitt, Lake Forest, 2:12.21\*.\* 5, Sarah Falconer, Mundelein, 2:13.54\*.

## 50 freestyle: 1, Kristen O'Connor,

Warren, 25.11\*.\* 2, Melanie Lecaro, Vernon Hills, 25.16. 3, Sara Marciniak, Mundelein, 25.19.

## 100 butterfly: 1, Marisa Gaither,

Lake Forest, 57.50\*.\* 2, Davitt, 58.78\*.\* 3, Courtney Jenkins, Warren, 1:01.25.

## 100 freestyle: 1, Neubauer, 52.52\*.\*

2, O'Connor, 54.19. 3, Courtney Adams, Lake Forest, 54.43.

## 500 freestyle: 1, Rowland,

5:04.99\*.\* 2, Thompson, 5:08.17\*.\* 3, Mroz, 5:10.94\*.\* 4, Christine Mauro, Lake Forest, 5:12.22\*.\* 5, Sam Schulte, Lake Forest, 5:12.64\*.\*

## 200 freestyle relay: 1, Lake Forest,

1:41.09\*.\* 2, Libertyville, 1:41.95. 3, Deerfield, 1:43.05.

## 100 backstroke: 1, Sparks, 59.77\*.\*

2, Patty Wegrzynowicz, Warren, 1:00.51\*.\* 3, Ally Calewatts, Warren, 1:01.40.

## 100 breaststroke: 1, Davisen,

1:06.95\*.\* 2, Maggie Boling, Libertyville, 1:07.39\*.\* 3, Chelsea Allard, Lake Forest, 1:07.83\*.\* 4, Michelle Gannon, Lake Forest, 1:07.96\*.\*

## 400 freestyle relay: 1, Libertyville

(Mroz, Davidsen, Sparks, Neubauer), 3:36.47\*.\* 2, Lake Forest, 3:38.75\*.\* 3, Mundelein, 3:42.14.

## Diving: 1, Courtney Wilhelm,

Mundelein, 437.15. 2, Mallory Mullady, Lake Forest, 419.45. 3, Brittany Tazzioli, Libertyville, 387.75.

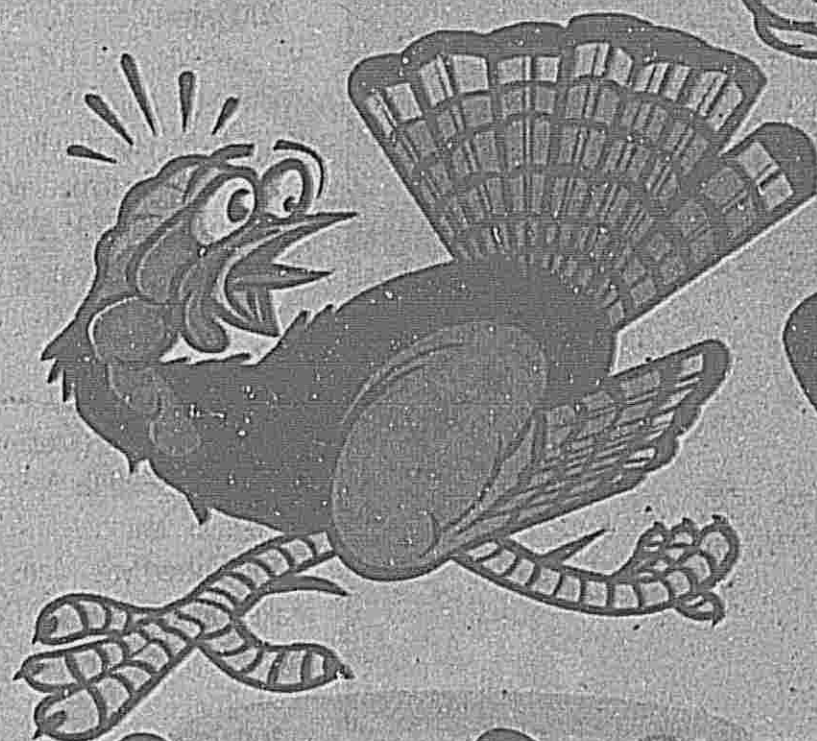
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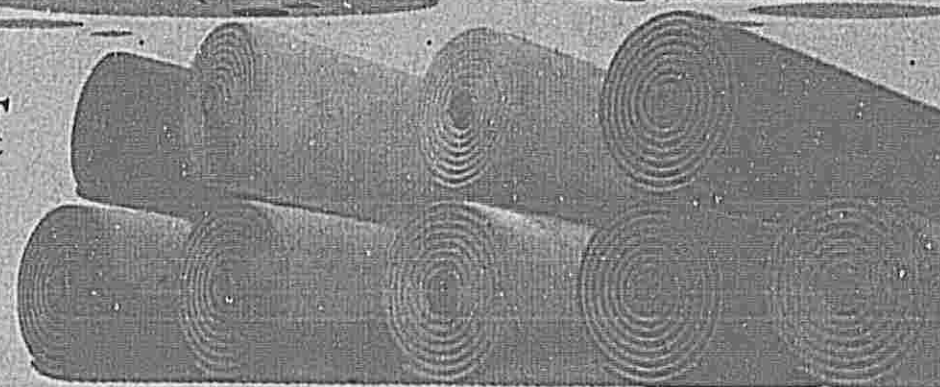
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 <b>MATT MOSE</b> WR Warren	 <b>FRANK SOTO</b> RB Lakes	 <b>ERIC WATTS</b> WR Round Lake	 <b>BRAD WISNIEWSKI</b> RB Wauconda	 <b>MAX FRIEDENBERG</b> DL Vernon Hills	 <b>JOHN BRENNAN</b> LB Carmel	 <b>KEVIN CHESNEY</b> DB Grayslake Central		
 <b>BRAD FORTNEY</b> LB Antioch	 <b>BRAXTON GAUSE</b> DL Waukegan	 <b>KEENAN JONES</b> LB Lakes	 <b>PERRY LANDERS</b> DB Libertyville	 <b>MIKE PETTI</b> LB Mundelein	 <b>NICK MORRISSEY</b> LB Mundelein	 <b>MATT ZIEGLER</b> DE Grant		
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## Hometown Sports

### Libertyville Sports Complex to host speed camp

One of the prerequisite skills of most any sport is speed and Don Beebe's Speed Camp is specially designed to boost quickness for all athletes. The camp is open to both boys and girls, from age 8 all the way up through high school.

At the camp, athletes will be videotaped, learn drills and techniques, lateral speed moves, vertical jumping, plyometrics and more.

The camp is scheduled for Dec. 28 and 29 at the Libertyville Sports Complex, located at 1950 Route 45 in Libertyville. For more information or to register for the camp, call (877) 827-7333 or visit [www.houseofspeed.com](http://www.houseofspeed.com).

### Mundelein Soccer Club Scores

#### U8 Girls

#### Mundelein Magic Red 7 Lake Forest Scout Blue 3

Mundelein came at Lake Forest with scores from all sides as five different Magic Red players scored in the match.

The potent Lexi duo of Lexi Brown and Lexi Pawlowski led the way with two goals each while Leah Goldman, Becky Bahlman and Celine Carroll all had goals of their own. Goalkeepers Samantha Pokorny, Emily Ollendick and Claire Bullington limited Lake Forest to just three goals. Kendall Barbacovi also turned in a fine performance in the win.

With the win, Mundelein Magic Red improves to 9-1 in the fall season, good for a first place tie in the division.

#### U11 Girls

#### Mundelein Magic Red 1 Pegasus Warriors Red 0

Jasmine Ader scored on a penalty kick for this game's one and only goal as the Magic Red won 1-0 over the Pegasus Warriors Red. Goalie Caitlyn Ko was instrumental in the win, as she came up with nine saves. Other Magic standouts include Gianna Heelan, Kaila Cancelli and Caroline Bullington.

### Gurnee's Ultimate Gymnastics takes top honors at UIC

Gurnee's Ultimate Gymnastics level 8 girls began the 2006 sea-

son with a bang. The level 8 girls took first place and top all-around honors at the Illinois North Judges Cup at University of Illinois at Chicago.

Individually, the Ultimate Gymnastics girls were even more impressive as Lauren Feely, Lizzie Hoyer and Jennifer Zeller took the top three spots in the competition.

In individual events, Zeller took first place on uneven bars while Feely won in the floor exercise competition. Despite working through a foot injury, Anna Brandmeier placed in both the uneven bars and beam competitions.

In the 14-plus age group, Kelci Schulz won the all-around competition while teammate Bianca Federico took second place. Schulz got the win thanks to top scores in both the vault and floor exercise events. Federico got her own win by finishing first in the uneven bars.

With the impressive scores, five girls qualified for the Level 8 State Championships that will be held in Dekalb in March.

### Ultimate Gymnastics Level 8 Team Scores

#### 8 to 13-year-olds

**Anna Brandmeier:** Vault: 8.45; Bars: 8.35 (6th); Beam: 8.50 (5th); All-around: 25.30

**Lauren Feely:** Vault: 9.15 (2nd); Bars: 8.80 (2nd); Beam: 8.70 (2nd); Floor: 9.25 (1st); All-around: 35.90 (1st)

**Elizabeth Hoyer:** Vault: 8.80 (5th); Bars: 8.775 (3rd); Beam: 8.65 (3rd); Floor: 9.025 (2nd); All-around: 35.25 (2nd)

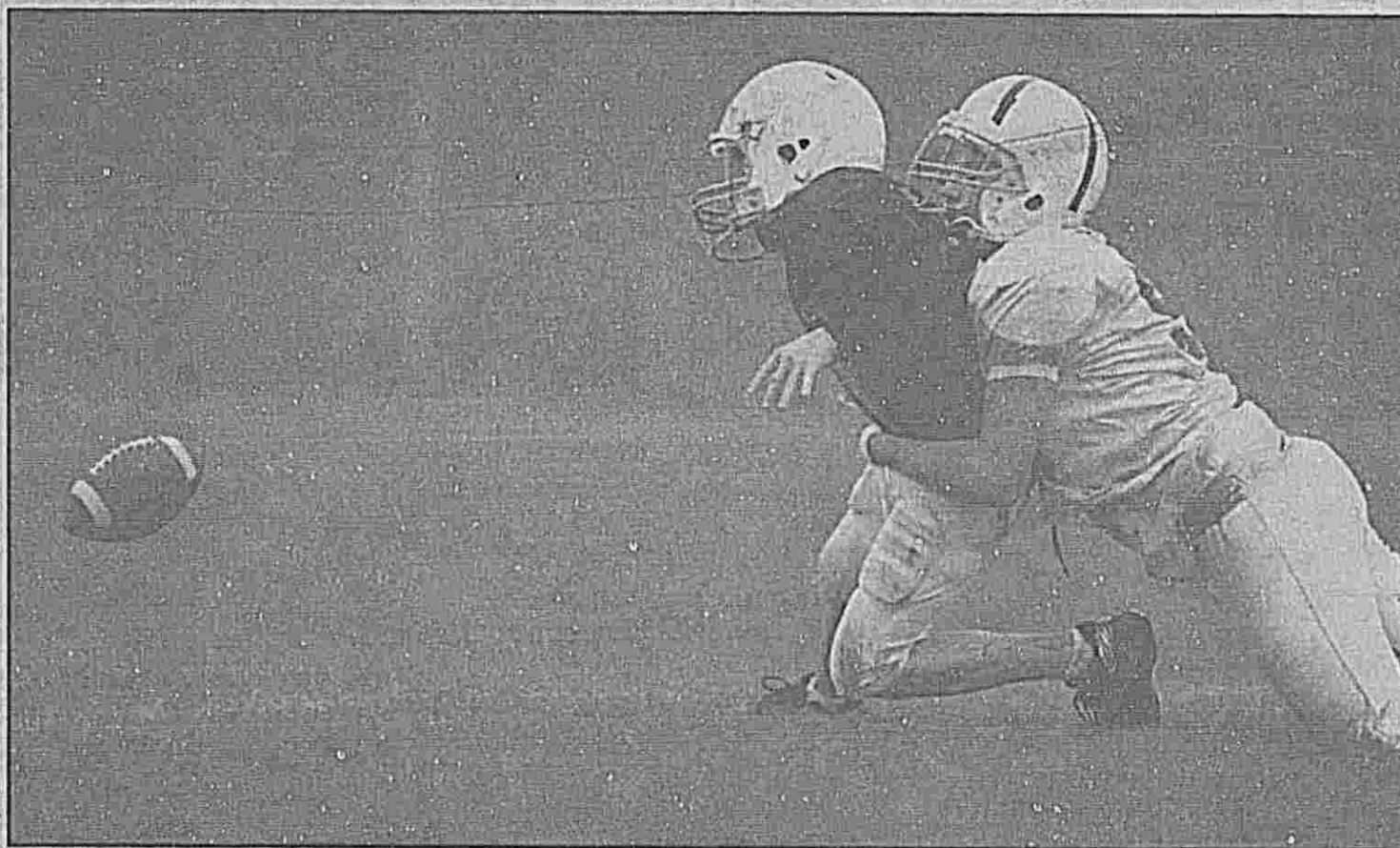
**Jennifer Zeller:** Vault: 9.00 (3rd); Bars: 8.85 (1st); Beam: 8.20 (8th); Floor: 9.025 (3rd); All-around: 35.075 (3rd)

#### 14 and over

**Bianca Federico:** Vault: 8.80 (7th); Bars: 8.45 (1st); Beam: 8.20 (3rd); Floor: 8.625 (7th); All-around: 34.075 (2nd)

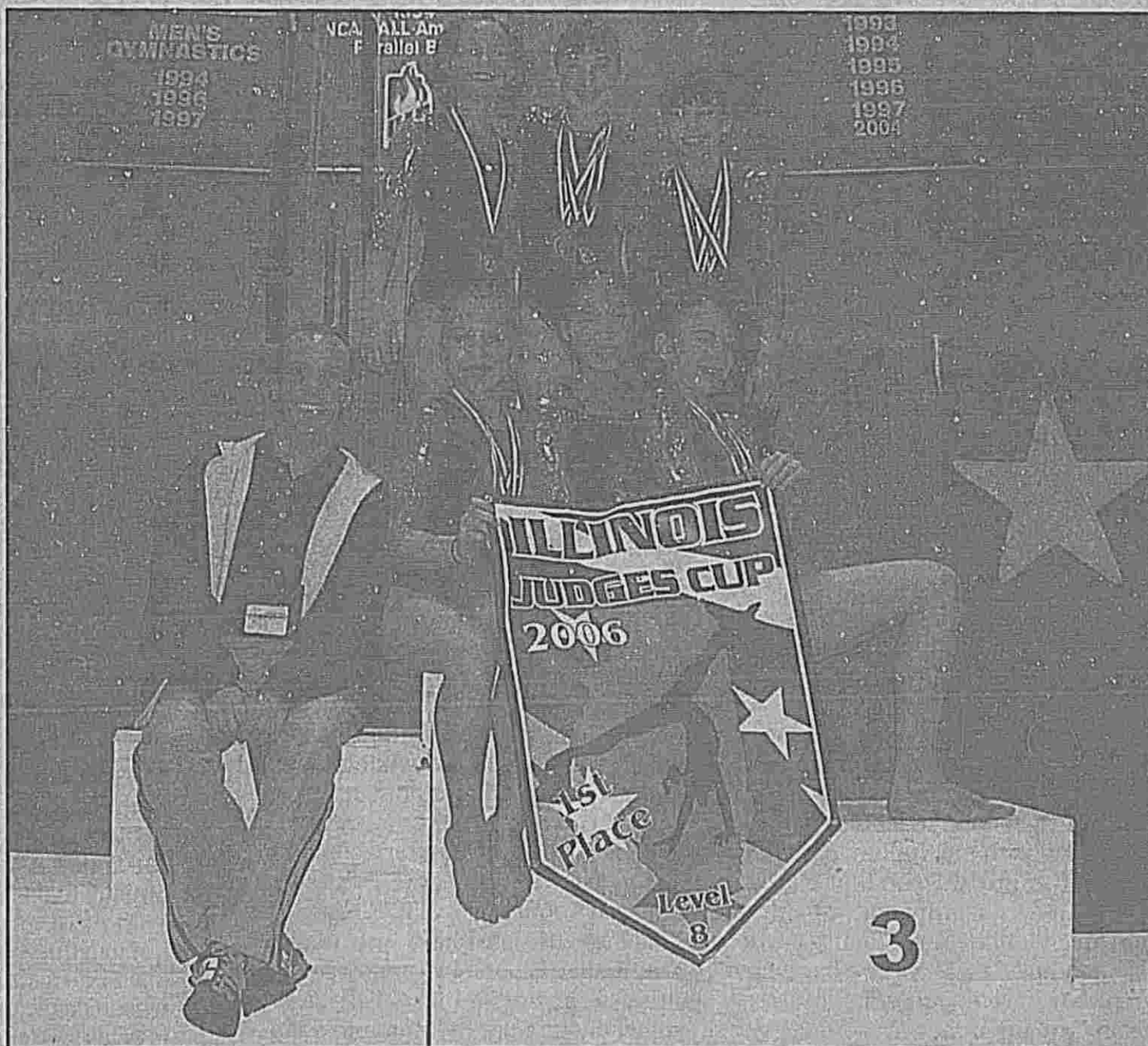
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## Gridiron champs



Brannon Simmons (right) of the Libertyville Boys Club sacks the Bears' quarterback during a recent game. The Libertyville Lions completed the season as JV champions.

## Top honors



Members of the Level 8 team at Ultimate Gymnastics of Gurnee took top honors during last weekend's Judges Cup at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Back row (from left) Anna Brandmeier, Lauren Feely and Lizzie Hoyer. Front row (from left) head coach Shane Sanders, Kelci Schulz, Jennifer Zeller and Bianca Federico.

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# Pro Football WEEKLY

## ● One Man's Opinion

### Redskins' Gibbs has nothing left to prove

As we give you your first in-depth look at the 2007 free-agent crop in this issue of Pro Football Weekly (now on newsstands), I offer another question for you to kick around for a while: Which NFL head coaches will be moving on in '07, and who might be stepping up to fill their shoes?

A question I've heard asked a lot over the past few months is: Who do you think will hang 'em up first, the Redskins' Joe Gibbs or Dallas' Bill Parcells? Keeping in mind it was strongly rumored that both of their returns were motivated as much by finances as their desire to coach again, my best guess is neither will be back in '07.

Gibbs already is in the Hall of Fame. While I'm sure anybody would love to have another Super Bowl ring, there is absolutely nothing left for Gibbs to prove on the field.

His club, which many thought would be a legitimate contender this year, is barely mediocre and heading in the wrong direction. The defense that triggered its run to the playoffs last year was ranked 30th in total defense, 15th against the run, 30th against the pass and 23rd in points allowed in the first half of the season.

It's also one of the older groups in the league.

On offense, Clinton Portis appears to have lost a lot of tread on his tires and broke his hand Sunday. Santana Moss is the only weapon that scares you when he's healthy, and who knows how much longer Mark Brunell can play at a high level? No one has a clue what they have in QB-of-the-future Jason Campbell.

What we all know is that the Redskins are one of the best-run franchises in the league off the field, at least in terms of generating profits, but one of the most poorly run football



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operations. The amount of money wasted on Andre Carter, Adam Archuleta and Antwaan Randle El this past off-season was ludicrous. And by all accounts, the Redskins will find themselves in a terrible salary-cap situation in just the second season of the new CBA, not a very enviable position for a club that is old and short on talent.

Whether it's owner Daniel Snyder meddling in the football side of things, or V.P. of football operations Vinny Cerrato being a lousy judge of talent, with three ex-NFL head coaches and at least three more wannabes as assistants, why should Gibbs come back for another year to coach a team that probably can't win? It says here he won't.

As for Parcells, is there anybody who has watched him this year who believes he's enjoying himself at all? Does anybody honestly believe that he wouldn't trade Terrell Owens and the \$25 million Dallas owner Jerry Jones threw away on T.O. in a heartbeat for Keyshawn Johnson and a couple of quality offensive linemen? Is there a soul in the universe who doesn't believe the Parcells-T.O. marriage will end badly?

Within a few minutes of his retirement, Parcells will be guaranteed an annual seven-figure contract to talk about the game on some TV network, and within a year or two at the outside after that, he will join Gibbs in the Hall of Fame. Why stay in Dallas, where you never know what the ego-maniac owner or petulant superstar is going to do next? It says here Parcells is done for good in January.

I've heard a number of folks speculate that Tennessee's Jeff Fisher will take Parcells' job. I have little doubt that Fisher is done in Tennessee after this season, but I'd like to believe he's smart enough not to jump into a job where even eventual Hall of Famer Parcells couldn't win.

• Hub Arkush is the editor of Pro Football Weekly.

## ● Bears Insider

### Bears flying high following Giant 'W'

What, me worry? Obviously, and thankfully, my Giant fears were irrational. With a win in the Meadowlands last Sunday, the Bears restored their self confidence and put a stranglehold on the top seed in the NFC.

In the process, Rex Grossman took a huge step forward. Under the bright lights, he again dug himself a hole, but this time Rex climbed out, and led his team to victory. It was the type of performance that exercises inner demons, calms the nerves of a coordinator, and reassures the other 10 guys in the huddle. For the time being, all is right in Bear Nation!

**What's at stake:** MOMENTUM ... This is no time to let up. With the win against the Giants, the swagger has returned and the national critics are scrambling to get back on the bandwagon. Owners of a comfortable four-game lead in the division, the Bears are now playing for postseason positioning. From this point forward, each win is another step toward having homefield advantage throughout the playoffs.

**Most dangerous opposing player:** Jets wideout Laverneus Coles has been quiet lately, and that concerns me. Coles is a powerful little receiver who specializes in "run after the catch." He is, by far, the Jets' most dangerous weapon and Tillman and Vasher will have to wrap him up tight to bring him down.

**Why the Bears will win:** A few months from now, when all is said and done and the parade down Michigan Avenue has concluded, we may look back at last Sunday night as Rex's defining moment. With the second quarter winding down, a struggling young quarterback morphed into a strong-armed field general who looked capable of leading his team to Miami. Along the way, we learned Moose has a little something left in the tank and we rediscovered Mark Bradley. In other words, the offense is back on track.

With that said, I am still calling for a

heavy dose of smash mouth football. The Jets struggle to stop the run, allowing more than 140 yards per game on the ground. Eric Mangini doesn't have the muscle up front to effectively run his 3-4 scheme.

Look for the Bears to line up in a lot of strong right formations, as they focus on running right at Shaun Ellis. Ellis would much rather rush the passer than stuff the run. If Thomas Jones doesn't get 30 carries there should be an investigation. When Rex does drop back, he should be well protected. Yes, the Jets sacked Tom Brady four times last week, but that unusual outburst raised their season total to a meager 17 QB takedowns.

Rookie Drew Coleman will have the bulls-eye on his back. At 5-foot-9, Coleman will struggle to contain 6-2 Muhsin Muhammad. Defensively, the Bears should have no trouble containing the Jets offense. They average just 3 1/2 yards per carry and don't protect Chad Pennington very well.

**Why the Jets will win:** I'm all for giving credit where credit is due, and Eric Mangini is due a big helping of credit. At 5-4, the Jets are one of the more pleasant surprises in the league this year. Not overly talented or flashy, they're a lot like poison ivy: irritating, unsightly, and very hard to get rid of. Offensively, they won't dazzle you, but they hang around and hit you with the big play when you least expect it.

While they don't always run the ball well, they stay committed to it in order to protect their quarterback. When given time, Pennington will dink and dunk you to death with catch and run wideouts Laverneus Coles and Jericho Cotchery.

**Who will win:** The Bears are a much more talented group than the Jets. They also are a better team than Miami, and look where that got them! Lovie's guys would be wise to take these Jets seriously and not start thinking about the Patriots until next Wednesday. The win against the Giants last Sunday should have the Bears flying high.

**PREDICTION: Bears 24, Jets 17**



Tom  
Waddle



## — On the Sidelines

# Davids sling rocks at area's Goliaths

As I was putting together the basketball preview magazine and picking the football all-area team, a strange feeling came over me. I was flooded with feelings of loss and bewilderment as I realized that football season, at least for the teams in the Lake County Journals' coverage area, was over.

Gone was the cracking of the helmets, ripped up football fields and skewered mascots on a Libertyville fan's stick. And I couldn't help but feel a real sense of loss. So, in order



**Daniel J. Patrick**

to quell the pain of another prep season gone by, let's look back at the season that was.

From the August heat to the frigid fall weather, the 2006 football season was one to remember. Not only because of what was done, but because of what wasn't done.

## Biggest surprise

Actually, I think this probably should qualify as the worst finish for fans around here, but Libertyville held the No. 1 ranking in Class 7A. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, they met their match in the second week of the playoffs against Rolling Meadows.

It was out of a movie script as Rolling Meadows, a team that had no business even competing with the Wildcats on paper, defeated Goliath. The Mustangs stuck around to score a touchdown with 48.7 seconds left on the clock, got the onside kick and booted a field goal with 2.5 ticks for the 16-15 victory and ending Libertyville's season at 10-1.

Not so great for Wildcats fans, but great stuff for the

casual sports fan.

## Biggest surprise

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of Lake County's football scene is the variability of it all. With perennial powerhouses like Libertyville and Carmel walking around, one would think it would be downright impossible to start a new team from scratch, but teams like this year's Lakes Eagles come out of the woodwork and surprise everyone.

Two years ago, the Eagles were nothing but a fledgling program without a varsity offering. Two years later, they put up a strong 6-3 regular season record and make their first post season appearance in the program's history.

This year, we welcomed Grayslake North into the mix. While they could not get a win in the program's inaugural season, the Knights showed flashes of brilliance, particularly when they were taking on their former roommates, Grayslake Central.

By the time they met, the Rams and Knights were both mathematically eliminated from the postseason, yet you wouldn't be able to tell it from the atmosphere.

For one night, Grayslake had its playoff and the Knights bolted out of the gate with 10 unanswered points. But the elder statesmen took back control for the 33-10 Central victory.

I guess good things can come from broken homes: great football.

While there weren't any state championships this time around, there was plenty of memorable football action. Just be sure to congratulate everyone who slipped on a helmet this year, because if anything, they deserve it for entertaining this humble sportswriter.

## Golden Eagle



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Grant High School outside hitter/middle blocker Becka Gonyo signs a letter of intent to play volleyball for Marquette University as her coach Sue Thompson (right), and parents Karen and Gordon joyfully watch on Nov. 9. Gonyo recorded 146 kills, 71 solo blocks and 109 assisted blocks during her final season for the Bulldogs, earning All-North Suburban Conference honors.

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Outdoor Experience

# Pro muskie competitors hooked on the Chain

Last weekend, the big boys invaded Antioch for the 2006 Professional Musky Tournament Trail Ranger Boats World Championship on the Fox Chain.

A cold blast dropped the water temperatures 6 degrees during the week, putting the muskies into a negative feeding stage and keeping them tight to the bottom in deeper than usual water.

Despite the cold, 11 muskies were taken in two days by the 50 participating two-man teams. Such numbers might look small to the untrained eye, but tournament director Tim Widlacki said that catch was about what he had expected for such an event.

"A total catch rate of 20 to 25 percent of the boats is pretty normal," Widlacki said. "Of course, we'd like more, but these are the best musky fishermen in the country. If they can't get them, who can?"

The teams were comprised of anglers from 28 states and Canada. They competed in a series of qualifying tournaments in order to be invited to the Championship.

After the smoke cleared, Brad Swenson and Kirk Allen from Minnesota's Brainerd area took top honors. Previously, the pair had won the Top Gun Award for team of the year in 2005.

Their take for this year's win was a brand new Ranger 619, a trailer, a Mercury 150-horsepower Optimax engine and cash – a total prize worth more than \$40,000.

Fishing was slow on the first day. Most of the teams were casting or trolling mid-depth water. Late in the afternoon, Allen and Swenson decided to try vertical jigging. They tied on black and white J-Mac jigs dressed with silver flake shaker tails and began to scour Lake Marie for muskies.

The duo watched the sonar unit looking for big marks, as they worked deep fingers and cuts.

During a time of year when casting and fast retrieves or trolling at speeds up to 4.5 mph is the norm, vertical jigging seems like a boring process, but tournament official Jim Saric said

the opposite is true.

"Actually, vertical jigging is really cool," Saric said. "You are moving slowly and looking for specific fish. You'll try to identify schools of yellow bass and then focus on any big muskies that could be feeding on them. A good sonar will actually show your bait as you work it. It can be very exciting."

With less than 90 minutes left for the first day's fishing, Allen nailed a legal fish. Fifteen minutes after the first fish was measured and released, Allen stuck his second fish of the day. Four teams recorded legal muskies, including eventual second place finishers, John Steckel and Randy Machtan of Marshfield, Wis.

Word got around fast and Sunday found almost half of the field trying their hands at vertically jigging on Lake Marie. Steckel and Machtan got their second musky of the tournament and when Allen and Swenson heard the news, they got really tense. The pressure was on.

Around noon, I jumped in a judge's boat with Widlacki, Saric and Claude LeMere, Antioch's Director of Community Services. Saric said, "Just wait until we turn the corner into Lake Marie. You won't believe it."

We made the turn and I thought we had just barged in on a crappie festival. Nineteen of the PMTT teams were diligently jigging their lures on the west end of the lake!

We were sitting for just 10 minutes when we heard a loud, triumphant whoop. Someone had nailed a muskie and we headed toward the sound even before the team could call for a judge boat to request a measurement.

It was the team of Allen and Swenson, unhooking a quality fish. Saric did the measuring honors while the video boat arrived to film the event. The beast measured out at 44 inches. It was a hefty musky and ended up being tied with another fish as the largest caught in the tournament. I couldn't believe that I had requested a 1-hour boat ride and ended up seeing the winning team catch the winning fish. How exciting!

Less than 50 yards away, Steckel and Machtan watched the proceedings. Their faces were grim and I am sure they felt immense pressure as Allen and Swenson moved



Steve Sarley

into first place with less than 90 minutes to go. Neither team raised another fish so the final standings had Allen and Swenson

having landed three muskies (44, 39 3/4, and 31 1/4 inches) and taking first place.

One thing I noticed while we were watching the boats was that although all of the teams were vertically jigging, only Swenson and Allen were snapping their jigs really hard. All of the other teams were working a very slow and deliberate lift-and-retrieve patten. I was surprised that no

one else copied the winner's presentation with so many boats being within eye range of them.

I asked Keith Allen about his presentation and he responded, "Ripping jigs has always worked well for me with walleyes, so I figured it might work on muskies. A big difference for us was that we determined that the muskies were only relating to hard bottom and that's where we fished. I think the big marks on the sonar on the soft bottom were just carp."

The awards ceremony was held at the Antioch VFW and in addition to checks and prizes for the top five finishers, Gregg Thomas and Dave Grochowski won the Top Gun Award.

The entire event was pulled off without a hitch and the weigh-ins drew nice crowds. Widlacki said, "The town was really excited to have us here. The fishermen were excited to see the signs on the roads, the shorelines and the local busi-

nesses welcoming them to Antioch and the Chain."

Antioch's Mayor, Dorothy Larson, was equally pleased with the tourney.

"I think this is fantastic," Larson said. "We are surrounded by water and have great access. We're a recreational area and we're happy to promote our great fishing. The pros are great people and the citizen's loved meeting them. We hope to host many more tournaments in the future."

And what did the team of Allen and Swenson think about Antioch and the Fox Chain? As it turned out, Keith Allen liked the Chain quite a bit.

"You know, I think this might be my favorite body of water in the whole world," Allen said.

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## Views

# These Bears shine in the spotlight

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Give this much to the Bears: At least they save their most entertaining games for occasions when the entire nation tunes in to watch.

Give them this, too: At least the Bears realize there's no better way to erase early images of futility than with a water-cooler type play that turned the tide in a power-grabbing, 38-20 road win against the Giants last Sunday.

"Football's a funny game," said quarterback Rex Grossman, who threw for 246 yards and three touchdown passes. "Sometimes you just weather the storm."

Because the victory is sure to create a lot of buzz and maybe guarantee another Bears appearance on the network, the executives over at NBC need to send a few bou-

quets to Halas Hall this week. Meanwhile, the Bears need to send a few to the Boys in Blue. Like the comeback win against Arizona, the Bears had a little bit of help in a save-this-on-your-Tivo type game.

While Chicago picked itself up and climbed to the top of the fence on its own, the final push came on a fourth-quarter playcall from Giants coach Tom Coughlin. Think Grossman faced a lot of criticism the past few weeks in Chicago? Just wait until the New York media gets its claws in the side Coughlin.

While the smart play would have been to punt from the Bears' 35-yard line and start playing a field-position game, Coughlin instead sent kicker Jay Feely onto the field for a 52-yard field goal attempt that had no chance in

the swirling winds of the New Jersey swamp.

"I thought we had a chance to make it," Coughlin said.



Kevin Kaduk

Instead, it allowed Devin Hester to camp in the back of the end zone and reproduce the brilliance of Nathan Vasher's equal 108-

yard return last year against San Francisco.

Hester sold the play well, feigning disinterest and then turning on the burners when he saw the Giants' field-goal unit had resigned itself to a touchback.

By the end of Hester's run, the Bears had an 11-point lead

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Football's a funny game.  
Sometimes you just weather the storm.

**Rex Grossman**

Bears quarterback

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and a solid grip on homefield advantage in the NFC. With seven games to play, the 8-1 Bears hold a two-game edge on the Giants, Saints and Seahawks.

And to think that most of the nation was issuing Denny Green-type suspicion by the third playing of John Mellencamp's "This Is Our Country."

The first half, save for a last-second touchdown pass to Mark Bradley, was a disaster. The offensive line went missing. The running game went with it. Grossman set a record for most Chicagoland footstools thrown across the room when his second pass of the day was intercepted and returned to the Bears' 1-yard line.

Like the sheets of rain that pelted the stadium, the Bears looked dismal. There didn't seem much reason to watch the rest.

But then something happened. While the Bears seemed resigned to enter the halftime locker room trailing by 10 points, the Giants allowed Thomas Jones to rush for 26 yards on a third-and-22 with 1:30 remaining in the half. Three plays later, Grossman found a wide-open Bradley near the end zone for a 29-yard touchdown pass that turned the tone of the game.

The second half began, and the offensive line looked resurgent. Grossman started controlling the pocket and taking advantage of the two

All-Pro linemen who were missing from the Giants' defensive line. He threw a 10-yard pass to Muhsin Muhammad to take a 17-13 lead.

On the next possession, after Alex Brown had caused a fumble from Eli Manning, Grossman found Desmond Clark for a 2-yard touchdown.

More importantly, Grossman proved he has the ability to bounce back from a back-breaking play like the interception in the first quarter. It's an important part of the growing process and an encouraging sign.

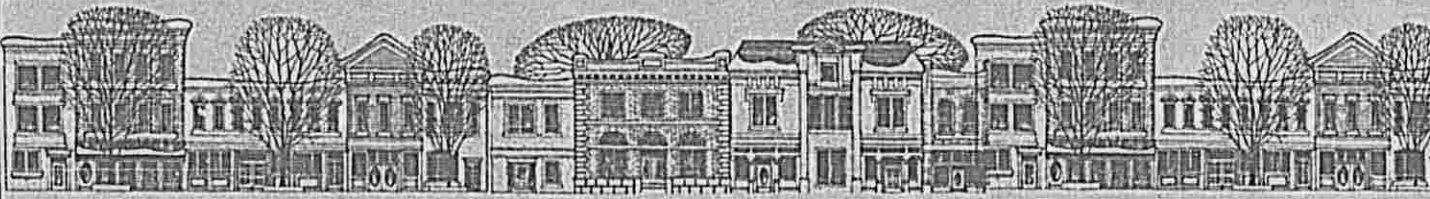
The funny part of the whole situation is that the win might not earn the Bears as much respect as originally thought.

Like the game against Seattle, the contest against New York was supposed to be a true barometer of just how good the Bears really are.

Instead, the Giants gave the Bears' critics plenty of ammunition, missing seven starters to injury, turning the ball over three times and featuring the poor play of quarterback Eli Manning, who threw for only 121 yards.

It shouldn't matter, though. With their backs against the wall, the Bears came out and seized a game in a tough road environment in tough conditions.

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**GIRLS BASKETBALL:**  
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# Bulldogs open season on sour note to R-B

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**WAUCONDA** - The Wauconda girls basketball team tried to put two strong halves together, but the Bulldogs' season opener didn't work out that way.

Wauconda's offense looked better in the first half, and the defense had its moments in the second half. The two sides of the ball just didn't cross-cross at the right moment as Richmond-Burton defeated the Bulldogs, 64-56.

"I was pleased with the tempo in the first half. The second half, we played better defense, but we got bogged down on offense," Wauconda head coach Tim Bartusch said.

Junior Lauren Mead led Wauconda with 18 points while freshman Katie Martino had 12, all in the first half. Junior Katie LePage also had a good game, finishing with eight points.

Wauconda's offense exploded in the second quarter as the Bulldogs scored 27 to take a 38-33 halftime lead.

"We did a nice job of running the floor, whether it be Kate Martino, Kate LePage or Jaclyn Schumann bringing the ball up the court," Bartusch said.

R-B had a 48-45 lead at the end of the third quarter when Nicole Manuel (team-high 17 points) made a layup. She then took a pass from just over half-court on the Wauconda side with 2.3 seconds to go. The line drive shot was good, and the Rockets had a 51-45 lead. Senior Lisa Beyer and sophomore Hailey Schleibinger had 16 each for the winners.

Wauconda did not quit in the fourth quarter. A basket by junior Courtney Kimes cut the Bulldogs' deficit to one, 57-56, with 2:30 left. But that was the last time Wauconda would score, going 0-for-5 from the field with four turnovers down the stretch.



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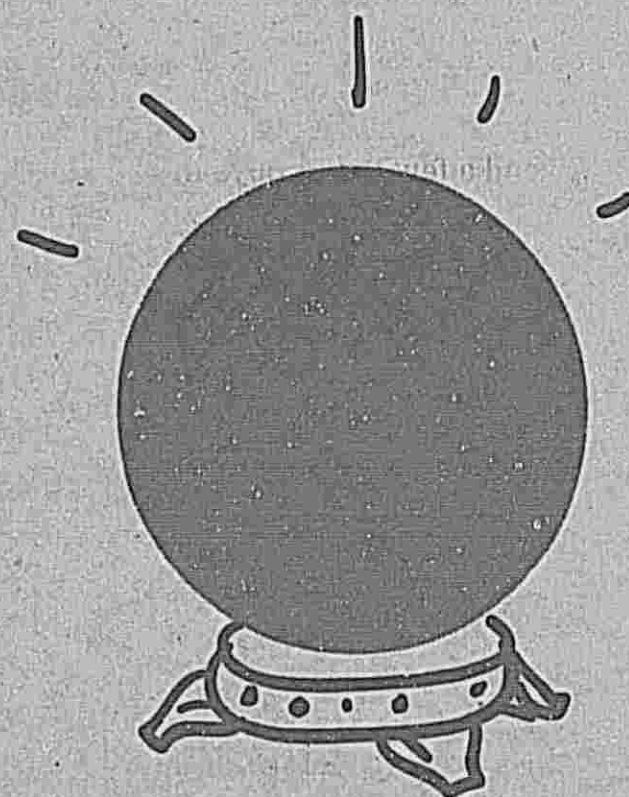
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## Making your home less fire-friendly

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But just because you remember ensuring your home was safe from fire way back when, that doesn't mean it is today.

Homes are particularly prone to fire during the winter season, when extra lights are strewn about the house, outlets are pushed to the limit, and space heaters may be used. To make sure your house doesn't end up ablaze, consider the following easy precautions.

- Check and install multiple smoke alarms. Smoke alarms

should not just be placed in bedrooms and other rooms you spend ample time in, such as the kitchen and family room. Place smoke alarms in hallways just outside these rooms as well. In the case of a smoke alarm battery dying in a bedroom, the alarm in the nearby hallway should be enough to alert anyone sleeping of a fire.

- Don't remove batteries. Many people, when the batteries in the remote control run out, replace those dead batteries with the ones from their smoke alarms, figuring they'll replace them soon enough. Oftentimes, however, people forget, rendering the smoke alarms useless. While a working remote control is great, a functioning smoke alarm is far better. To avoid having to make a decision, always keep extra batteries on hand just in case.

- Don't smoke in bed. Countless home fires have been caused by people who smoke in bed and fall asleep while their cigarettes are still burning. The dangers of this are two-fold, in that you're greatly increasing the chances of a home fire while also ensuring that should such a fire occur, you'll be close to its epicenter, greatly limiting your available escape routes.

- Keep combustible materials away from heat sources. Old newspapers or magazines as well as kitchen towels should be stored away from burners, ovens and other common household sources of heat such as candles.

- Don't overload electrical circuits. Electrical fires are often caused by overtaxed outlets that simply have too much responsibility. Use surge protectors wherever possible, and con-



To avoid kitchen fires, consider wearing snug clothing when working near the oven.

sider using batteries for items such as alarm clocks on overcrowded outlets.

- Keep certain materials away from you know who. Kids are curious by nature, so avoid leaving matches or lighters around. Make sure these items are stored on high shelves, out of the reach of children.

- Consider your wardrobe when cooking. Loose fitting clothing that hangs off your body is more likely to catch a stray flame if you're not paying attention. When cooking, try and wear tight or snug shirts, or short sleeves that don't hang loose.

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# How to choose the right internet service provider

Though it was entirely possible as recently as 10 years ago, these days living without Internet access is akin to living in the Stone Age. Coffee shops now boast Internet connections for customers and many people even go online through their cell phones. But for those looking to hook up their homestead with Internet access, choosing an Internet service provider (ISP) can be difficult.

One reason for that is the abundance of ISPs flooding the market, all offering fast access for low prices. Both of those things seem to rank high on everyone's list when it comes to the Internet, but there are other things to consider as well.

- Personal Usage. Casual

Internet users primarily concerned with checking e-mail or doing some occasional Web surfing might want to consider a dial-up connection. Those looking to save some money and who don't use the Internet too often likely won't mind waiting a few extra seconds for the slower dial-up connection.

People who want to work from home and connect to their company's network or even those who use the Internet regularly to get their news or do their shopping will want something faster than a dial-up connection, such as cable or DSL.

- Customer service. Even within the same companies, customer service can vary from

city to city. Since the Internet is a relatively new technology, chances are you won't be able to figure out all the problems you might have with your service all by yourself. That makes customer service an important thing to consider before choosing an ISP. The best way to learn about a provider's customer service is to ask a neighbor or a friend nearby what provider they use and how reliable that provider is. An ISP with a strong track record in customer service is worth a few extra dollars per month in the long run.

- Access numbers. While many users have switched over from dial-up service, for those who are happy with dial-up, un-

derstanding just what it is can save you a lot money. When using dial-up, your computer is making a call. If your ISP has access numbers outside of your area code, then those calls being made are long distance. Local access numbers should be a must before signing up for any dial-up service.

- Look for a package deal. Cable companies no longer provide just movie channels and clearer reception. Chances are, your cable provider is also an ISP, which means you could save substantial amounts of money by asking for a package deal that includes both cable television and Internet access. Broadband service offered by cable companies often provides

faster, more reliable access than dial-up service.

- Consider satellite service. For those living in particularly rural areas, satellite broadband service is likely your best bet. Chances are you need to get your cable television service from a satellite provider, who likely provides Internet access as well. Many times, satellite companies will work with local providers, which has its ups and downs. On the plus side, using local providers is akin to helping out the little guy. On the down side, if you do substantial business traveling, national providers can give you dial-up access numbers that you can use all over the country.

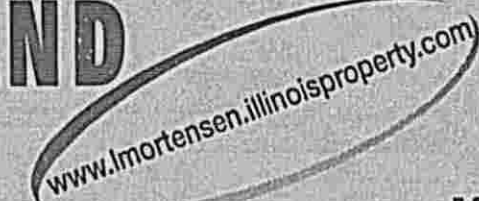


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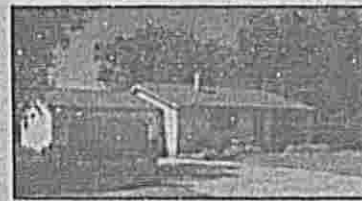


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Auction:  
Dec. 18, 2006 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Dave's Transmission  
1316 N. Fairfield Rd.  
Round Lake Beach, IL  
60073

(Published in the Lake County Journals, November 17, 24 & December 1, 2006.)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE NINETEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION

ESTATE OF:  
ELAINE GOLAN,  
Deceased.

No. 06 P 498  
CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given on the death of ELAINE GOLAN of Highland Park, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on July 7, 2005 to Bernard M. Kirsner as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Bernard M. Kirsner, 400 E. Randolph St. #202, Chicago, IL 60601.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois 60085 or with representative, or both, on or before May 11, 2007, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executor/attorney within 10 days after it is filed. Steven Golan please contact Independent Executor.

/s/ Bernard M. Kirsner  
Attorney

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Spring Grove Storage will be sell goods for non-payment of rent from unit A03 belonging to Charles Gibbons consisting of: Tools, furniture, household goods.

The sale will take place at Spring Grove Storage, 2502 Spring Ridge Dr., Spring Grove, IL 60081 on Monday, November 27, 2006 at 3:00 pm.  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS  
HEREBY GIVEN

That on Monday, De-

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cember 4, 2006 a sale will be held at Mike's Towing, Inc., 908 N. Rand Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084, to sell the following article(s) to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such article(s) for labor, services, skill or material expended upon storage furnished for such article(s) at the request of the following designated person(s), unless such article(s) are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.

Candy Bowersox  
2000 Ford F450 Camper  
Vin. #1FDXE45S6Y-  
HA71732  
(Published in the Lake County Journal November 10, 17, 24, 2006)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

2007 Grant Township  
Plan Commission  
Meeting Dates

January 9, 2007 7:30 p.m.  
May 8, 2007 7:30 p.m.  
July 10, 2007 7:30 p.m.  
October 9, 2007 7:30 p.m.  
(Published in the Lake County Journals, November 17, 2006.)

Assumed Name 8200

## PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:  
DIRECT SOURCE  
NATURE/PURPOSE:  
Distributor of towels & scrubs

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE  
BUSINESS IS TO BE  
CONDUCTED OR  
TRANSACTION IN THIS  
COUNTY  
2 Durham Ct., Lake Forest, IL 60045, 847-778-5920

NAME(S) AND POST  
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE  
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE  
PERSON(S) OWNING,  
CONDUCTING OR  
TRANSACTION BUSI-  
NESS:  
Don Pusateri, 2 Durham Ct., Lake Forest, IL 60045, 847-778-5920

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ D. Pusateri  
November 3, 2006  
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

OFFICIAL SEAL  
/s/ Nicholas J. Witter  
Notary Public  
Received: Nov. 6, 2006  
Willard R. Hellander  
Lake County Clerk  
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Assumed Name 8200

## PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME APPLICATION

Name of Business:  
Koch Creative Services  
Nature/Purpose:  
Graphic Design & Communications

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:  
166 Augusta St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-1825

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:  
Jill Koch, 166 Augusta St., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-1825

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COUNTY OF LAKE

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/s/ Jill Koch  
October 31, 2006

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 13th day of November, 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL  
/s/ Kathy Metzler  
Notary Public  
Received: Nov. 14, 2006  
Willard R. Hellander  
Lake County Clerk  
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Assumed Name 8200

## PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:  
Americana Artifacts  
NATURE/PURPOSE:  
Producing artworks and sculpture

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE  
BUSINESS IS TO BE  
CONDUCTED OR  
TRANSACTION IN THIS  
COUNTY  
21050 W. Shorewood Rd., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-548-4580

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTION BUSI-  
NESS:  
Joseph D. Rick, 21650 W. Shorewood Rd., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-548-4580

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COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Joseph D. Rick  
October 24, 2006  
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 24th day of October, 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL  
/s/ Barbara J. Noster  
Notary Public  
Received: Oct. 24, 2006  
Willard R. Hellander  
Lake County Clerk  
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Assumed Name 8200

## PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME APPLICATION

Name of Business:  
Technical Consulting  
Group of Grayslake  
Nature/Purpose:  
Technical Consultation

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:  
1285 Chesterfield Ln., Grayslake, IL 60030, 224-430-6194; P.O. Box 214, Grayslake, IL 60030

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:  
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/s/ Kazi Farooqui  
November 13, 2006

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 30th day of October 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL  
/s/ Barbara J. Noster  
Notary Public  
Received: Oct. 30, 2006  
Willard R. Hellander  
Lake County Clerk  
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Assumed Name 8200

## PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:  
Americana Artifacts  
NATURE/PURPOSE:  
Producing artworks and sculpture

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE  
BUSINESS IS TO BE  
CONDUCTED OR  
TRANSACTION IN THIS  
COUNTY  
21050 W. Shorewood Rd., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-548-4580

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTION BUSI-  
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Joseph D. Rick, 21650 W. Shorewood Rd., Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-548-4580

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October 24, 2006  
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 24th day of October, 2006.

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Name of Business:  
Technical Consulting  
Group of Grayslake  
Nature/Purpose:  
Technical Consultation

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Name of Business:  
TJC & Associates  
Nature/Purpose:  
PC, Server Repair, Networking Services, Clinical QA

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:  
1212 Lorelei Dr., Zion, IL 60099, 847-746-3092

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:  
Anthony Curry, 1212 Lorelei Dr., Zion, IL 60099, 847-746-3092

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/s/ Anthony A. Curry  
October 26, 2006

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 26th day of October, 2006.

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/s/ Claudia C. Rodriguez  
Notary Public  
Received: Oct. 26, 2006  
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Fairs, Markets &amp; Bazaars 9550

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Held at Grant Township Administration Building - 26725 W. Molitor Road, Ingleside, IL

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April 10, 2007 Annual Mtg.	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
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June 5, 2007	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
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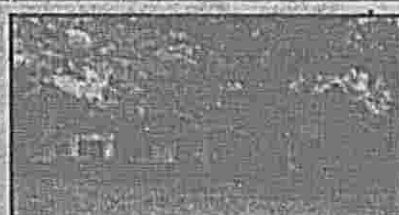
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Pam and George Singleton review  
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## Contemporary art

The Museum of Contemporary  
Art is hosting "The Art of Richard  
Tuttle," a contemporary art  
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# Wheels of illusion



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No amount of speakers is ever enough for world-famous illusionist Criss Angel, or his "Mindfreak H2." Gurnee-based RealWheels designed the custom interior with 28 speakers, 12 monitors and a spider web steering wheel.

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# Gurnee-based auto accessories company unveils customized, magical Hummer H2

By DANIEL J. PATRICK  
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For some people, automobiles are more than just transportation. They're magic. But for one of Gurnee's RealWheels Accessories' customers, magic is life.

RealWheels just unveiled the Mindfreak Hummer H2 at the 2006 Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) trade show.

The H2 was created for Criss Angel, a world-renowned magician that stars on the "Criss Angel Mindfreak" television series on the A&E Network. Some of Angel's most famous stunts include setting a world record for body suspension as he hung for five hours and 40 minutes from eight fishhooks in the middle of Times Square in 2002. That same year, a chained and shackled Angel submerged himself in a water torture cell for 24 hours and escaped.

As a result of his work, Angel has been named as the Magician of the Year three times, with his most recent win coming in 2005. He also won the Louie Award for outstanding achievement in the art of magic.

Angel's H2 was taken from concept to the unveiling in only four months. Despite the short time frame, RealWheels Vice President of Sales and Marketing Jhan Dolphin insists that given the venue, it was worth all the hard work. SEMA is known as the premier automotive aftermarket venue as more than 100,000 vendors and industry professionals were invited to this year's show.

"SEMA is basically the Super Bowl of the customizer's world," Dolphin said. "There was everyone there, from OCC [Orange County Choppers] to [hot rod designer and "Overhaulin'" star] Chip Foose, so it's got the biggest names from all over the country and we really wanted to turn some heads."

"Turning heads" is an understatement if there ever was one when it comes to this automobile. The interior is completely customized, with more than 25 speakers, a spider-webbed chrome steering wheel, a fog machine and a playing card launcher. Every inch of the vehicle has been modified for the magic-based theme. All in all, the Hummer H2 has an estimated value of \$400,000.

"It's one of the most extensively modified vehicles that we've ever done," Dolphin said. "Its design covers the history of magic, from Houdini to today. We even have actual Houdini artifacts in the H2."

Even with 28 speakers, 12 monitors, and a multitude of other modifications, the H2 is more than just an in-



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terior.

Along with a custom paint job that features a flame job with burning playing cards, the Hummer boasts a supercharged 565 horsepower motor.

While such an impressive power train is basically required to move a nearly four-ton automobile, this is definitely not your neighbor's Hummer H2.

Real Wheels' decision to make a magic-themed car

had as much to do with circumstance as it had to do with innovation in the custom car scene. Dolphin said the company had been looking to work with Angel before and given the timing of this year's SEMA show, it would have been a mind freak to not create the "Mindfreak H2."

"This year, we knew that SEMA would be on Halloween, so we had to do something with a magic theme," Dolphin said. "I wanted to do the most innovative SUV with an innovative magician and Criss [Angel] fits that bill."

"We worked with Criss [Angel] before when he had us customize a Dodge Viper for him. He liked our work, so then we got together and we proposed a magic-based Hummer H2 project for him and here we are."

Criss Angel's Hummer isn't the first big foray into the custom car scene for RealWheels Accessories. Other projects include their "Ultimate Race Team Support Truck," a Hummer SUT that was built to celebrate the safety crews at auto racing events, and the "Get Real" project, a Hummer H2 that featured custom-built rubber tank treads.

"We do everything, from Vipers to big rigs," Dolphin said. "We've been around for 25 years, and to think a company in Gurnee would be getting so much attention at the biggest auto accessories show in the country is just great."

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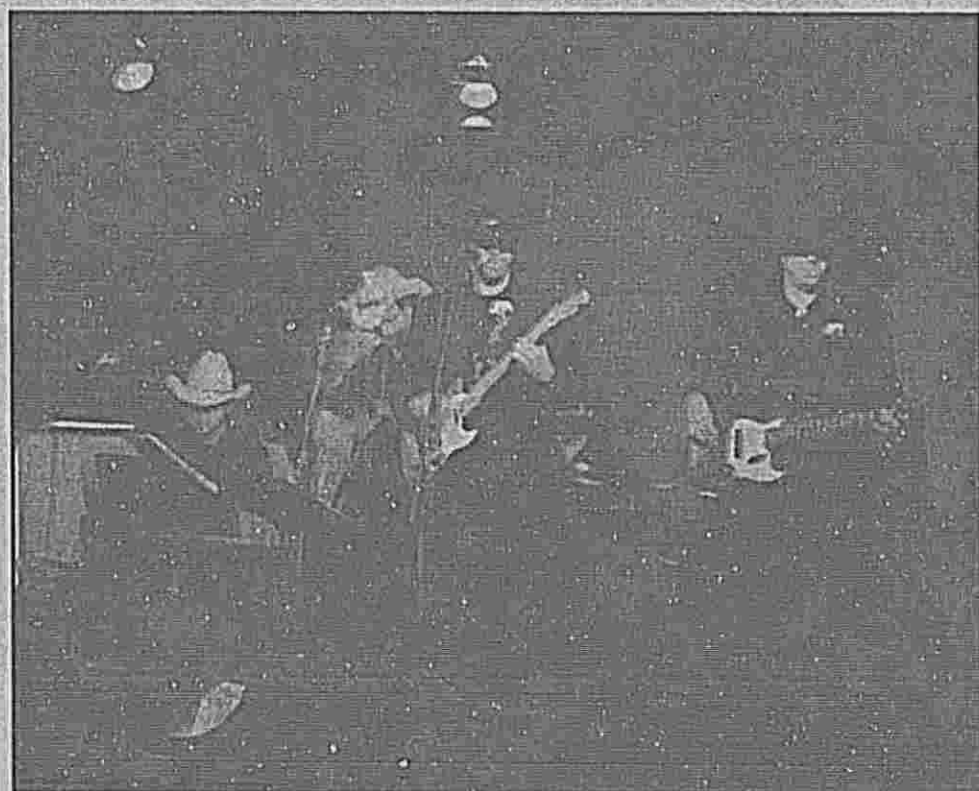


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Dan Whitaker and The Shinebenders will perform classic country and western swing music at 9 p.m. on Nov. 18 at Jimmy V's in Ingleside.

## Classic country band set to jam in Ingleside

By KATHY GRESEY  
kgresey@nwnewsgr.com

Chicago resident Dan Whitaker can play country music.

And he can play western swing, hillbilly and outlaw tunes.

As the lead vocalist and guitarist of Dan Whitaker and The Shinebenders, Whitaker composes his own music and covers popular songs.

The 38-year-old musician and his band will play a variety of their material at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, at Jimmy V's, in Ingleside.

Those who attend the concert will most likely hear songs off The Shinebenders' newest album, "Shinebender." Cover songs will be played at the show.

Whitaker said his group offers music lovers something different.

"People don't really hear a lot of what we do ... except maybe on old recordings," he said. "The music we play is generally classic country, like mid-1970s and before. We play covers by Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson and Hank Williams. And I throw in a lot my own tunes, which sound a lot like those."

Whitaker has been in several bands during the past decade, but not all of them have been country groups.

It was only after realizing

### All the details

**Who:** Dan Whitaker and The Shinebenders

**What:** Classic country and western swing music

**Where:** Jimmy V's, 816 E. Grand Ave., in Ingleside

**When:** 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18

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that the rock music market was limited that Whitaker formed The Shinebenders, he said.

"I really like to play live a lot," he explained. "And [with The Shinebenders], we figured we could play a lot and play stuff that people know and can drink to. It's really enjoyable for me."

The Shinebenders' music is played using guitars, bass, drums, banjo, harmonica, mandolin, piano and trumpet.

Whitaker said many people take a liking to the band after hearing its style.

"I get a lot of, 'I don't really like country music, but I like you guys,'" he said. "We try to turn younger people on [to the band]."

For more information about Dan Whitaker and The Shinebenders, visit [www.danwhitaker.com](http://www.danwhitaker.com).

To receive booking information, call (773) 862-0074, or e-mail [dan@danwhitaker.com](mailto:dan@danwhitaker.com).

## Triple Play to perform jazz

GRAYSLAKE - Chris Brubeck, son of jazz legend Dave Brubeck, will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, with his group Triple Play, at the College of Lake County.

Triple Play is comprised of Brubeck, who sings and plays four instruments; Joel Brown, a guitarist/vocalist; and Peter "Madcat" Ruth, a harmonica virtuoso.

The concert, which will include a variety of jazz, folk, classic and blues tunes, will take place in the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts in Grayslake.

The College of Lake County concert is the only Chicago-area Triple Play show this season.



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Chris Brubeck's Triple Play will perform at the College of Lake County on Saturday, Nov. 18. It is the only Chicago-area Triple Play show this season.

Tickets are \$20 to \$30 for the general public (discounts available) and \$15 for College of Lake County students. Tickets are available at the CLC Box Office and can be purchased by calling (847) 543-2300, or by visiting [www.clcillinois.edu/tickets](http://www.clcillinois.edu/tickets).

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By Pam & George  
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Ethan Hawke stars as a free-spirited uncle in 'Fast Food Nation.' The film is directed by Richard Linklater and looks at two American issues: overeating and socio-economics.

## 'Fast Food' A lot to swallow

By PAM and GEORGE SINGLETON  
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"Fast Food Nation" ambles along under the weight of two issues: the eating habits of Americans and the socio-economic schism engulfing U.S. society.

The burden of relating those issues causes the film to come up short of expectations more than once.

Richard Linklater ("A Scanner Darkly" and "Waking Life") directed the fictional movie, which was based on the best-selling, non-fiction book by Eric Schlosser.

In the movie, Greg Kinnear is a marketing exec for Mickey's, a giant fast food chain, famous for its "Big One" burger. Fecal matter has turned up in some of the beef processed at Mickey's main plant in Colorado. Kinnear is sent to investigate, all the while keeping an eye on the company's bottom line. To keep profits high, he may not want to dig too deep.

### "Fast Food Nation"

Director: Richard Linklater

Genre: Drama

**Additional information:** Distributed in the U.S. by Fox Searchlight; rated R for disturbing images, strong sexuality, language and drug content; running time is 114 minutes.

When you see the cattle in the feedlots, slogging around in their waste, that's enough of a deterrent to keep you off of burgers.

But wait. There is a bigger payoff to the pitfall of dining at the drive-through window or taking a combo-meal inside. The scenes on the plant's kill floor, near the end of the movie, will keep you on edge.

Other important story lines in this movie provide the marrow inside the bare bones of the presumed main plot. A talented ensemble brings to life these character-driven stories, which illustrate the interconnected-

ness of busy Americans looking to grab a quick bite to eat.

Luis Guzman portrays a professional coyote, who - for a steep price - smuggles undocumented Mexicans across the border to work (usually at minimum wage jobs) and live in sub-standard housing.

Catalina Sandino Moreno ("Maria Full of Grace") is one of the women he transports. She and her husband are willing to work hard at any jobs to save money and build a life.

Ashley Johnson plays a high school senior who works at Mickey's and has the exuberance and enthusiasm of youth that allows her to think she can change the world. Paul Dano ("Little Miss Sunshine"), another youthful employee, is a slacker all the way. Ethan Hawke is Johnson's free-spirited uncle, who encourages her "dare to" dream.

"Fast Food Nation" handles some meaty issues. Unfortunately, it's a combo that doesn't always go down well.

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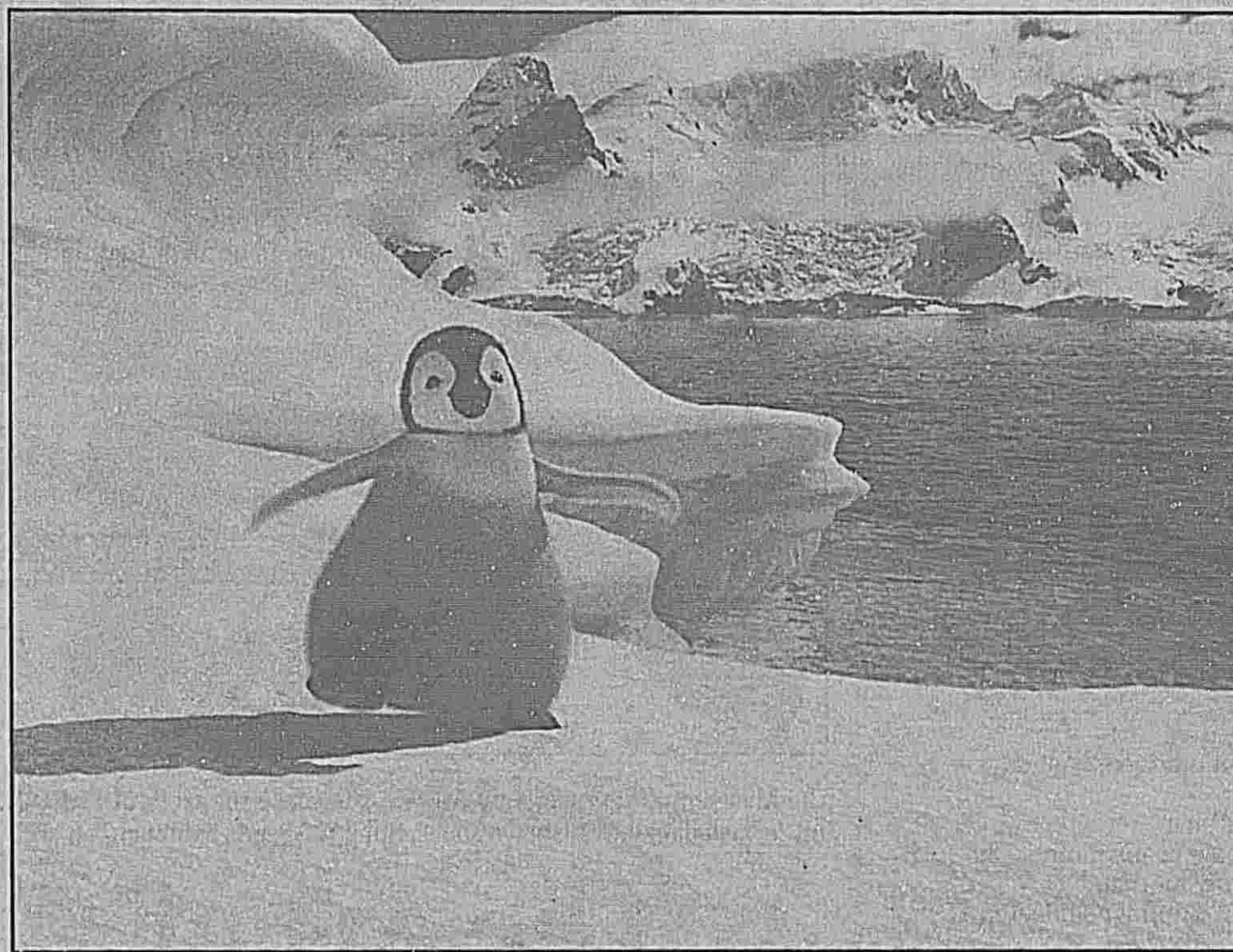


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"Happy Feet" tells the story of a penguin who has a talent for dancing and tries to find his spot in the world.

## 'Happy Feet' on thin ice

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"Happy Feet" struggles to present itself as a seriously funny animated feature. It slips and falls on the slippery slope of stereotypical characters that would be unacceptable for a movie starring actors in the flesh.

Even without those offenses, the movie has an identity crisis. It's "March of the Penguins" meets "The Wiz," with a glaze of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" thrown in.

As moviegoers discovered in the wonderful documentary "March of the Penguins," each emperor penguin has a unique sound, or song, that allows mates to find each other within a sea of gathering penguins.

It's called a heart song here. And every young lothario and damsel penguin has one and voices it to attract a mate.

Memphis (Hugh Jackman) belts his out, in full Elvis bravado, to entice silky-throated Norma Jean (Nicole Kidman, purring like Marilyn Monroe). From their union, Mumble (Elijah Wood) is born.

Mumble breaks out of his shell with a beat in his feet, which Memphis discourages as

### "Happy Feet"

Director: George Miller

Genre: Animated comedy (with lots of music)

#### Additional information:

Warner Bros.; rated PG for mild peril and rude humor; running time is 98 minutes.

"unpenguin-like." Try as he might, Mumble can't find his heart song, and he has a singing voice that could crack the ice.

The music teacher even tells him to "just mouth the words." The lovely, young Gloria (Brittany Murphy), the singing star of the class, likes Mumble and his tapping feet (with moves choreographed and performed by tap dance impresario Savion Glover).

But Mumble is not allowed to "graduate" with his group, which causes his embarrassed father to shun him.

Noah, the elder penguin, also blames him for the lack of fish in the waters, and Mumble is voted off the island — so to speak.

Here's where director George Miller ("Babe: Pig in the City" and "Lorenzo's Oil") and his three co-writers, in-

cluding John Collee ("Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World"), start to get into frigid water.

Mumble is stranded on an island with a band of penguins, who are referred to as the Amigos, headed up by Ramon (Robin Williams, with a definite broken-English sway). They are real party penguins.

But Mumble wants to figure out why the fish supply is low, so he might be able to go home again. Ramon and his posse take Mumble to see the wizard, Lovelace, who knows all.

Earlier, Mumble spotted an odd-looking leg tag on a bird of prey that was menacing the penguins and found out that strange, large, unidentifiable objects were invading the waters nearby.

The movie takes another, more serious turn here. Environmentalists will like where it takes us. But how many 6-year-olds qualify for that moniker? Unless you count recycling their juice boxes and pop cans.

The soundtrack features the music of Stevie Wonder, k.d. lang, Prince, The Beach Boys and others. But the meandering story and the insensitive use of stereotypes outweigh the toe tapping.

### ● Pets

## Unleashed pets can lead to serious issues

It is not unusual for me to stop by the animal hospital at least once a day to drop off an animal, pick one up, or to pay a bill. Last week I entered the animal hospital behind a woman carrying her pug.

While waiting for a hospital employee to help us, the woman told me her dog had just been hit by a motorcycle. Shocked, I looked closely at the dog and noticed a small scrape on his chin, but otherwise he seemed OK.

"How did it happen?" I asked.

She replied, "I was letting my dog outside and, like a flash, I couldn't believe it, a police motorcycle was driving by. The next thing I knew, my dog was running toward the motorcycle and got hit. My dog never does that. I never have to use a leash. Then I saw my dog tumble and roll in the road after the impact. I thought for sure he was going to die."

After the dog was taken in back, the woman began to cry. Chrissy, a hospital employee, and I listened to her; our own eyes filling with tears because we felt bad for her.

"I promised myself I wouldn't cry," the woman said. "I just can't believe this happened."

Chrissy handed her a box of tissues, and said, "Don't worry. I'm sure she'll be fine. We're only keeping her for observation."

It was not the right time to tell her that a dog should never be trusted off its leash in an unfenced area.

An adult dog has the mentality of approximately a 4-year-

old child. I don't care how much training a dog has had. Even the best-trained dogs can make a mistake.

There are times animals do things that are illogical and unpredictable.

I knew a dog that had never left its yard, until one day she

saw a squirrel across the street (a common occurrence), and for some unknown reason decided to chase it. The dog got hit by an on-

coming car. Aside

from the dog

potentially getting hurt, there are dangers to people, too when dogs are allowed outside without a leash.

What about the person (and that would be me) who would swerve their car to avoid hitting the dog and instead crash into something or someone else?

I was at the animal hospital when the woman picked up her dog. Other than being shook up, the dog was in good shape.

Lucky for her.

I was tempted to ask the owner if she was going to keep her dog leashed from now on, but I decided to mind my own business.

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Sandy Wisniewski

### Adoptable pet



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## ● Everymom

## Being an independent mom is hard

Motherhood has definitely softened me. I embrace my role as a mom and wife and have put that before anything else. Still, part of me clings to a few of those feminist views I had in college.

I didn't need a man. And the thought of raising a family ranked right up there with the annual trip to the gynecologist. I intended to put it off as long as possible.

Nowadays, I can't imagine my life any other way.

But that feminist attitude seeps out once in a while, as I'm reading fairy tales or watching princess movies with my daughter.

"You know, Cinderella doesn't really have to marry the prince to live happily ever after," I tell her. "She could pursue a career first, see the world, or just date around awhile."

"What?" my daughter asks.

"It's great if she loves him, but she doesn't need a man to be happy."

"Why?"

"Because, she can be happy on her own, too."

"What?"

So it's a little beyond her right now. But I figure if I start early, the message will eventually come across.

When we're playing with her dollhouse, my daughter still puts daddy in the driver's seat, but I usually move him to the lounge chair and put mommy in the car.

And when we're playing with my daughter's castle, I try to find ways for the princess to rescue herself from the dragon.

"The prince is busy cleaning the castle," I'll

tell her as the princess hops on a horse and rides away.

It seems no matter how much I work at it, my daughter's bent on being the fairy tale princess.



Jami Kunzer

I overheard her playing with her 5-year-old cousin, Ashton, the other day.

Ashton had asked me for a tie and then gone into Summer's room. I was curious, so I listened at the door.

Some of the most entertaining conversations come from spying, I've found.

"We're going to get married and dance," I heard Summer telling Ashton. She was dressed as a princess.

"Time for the ball," she said as she twirled around.

"I don't want to get married," Ashton responded.

"Why?" asked Summer.

"Because, then you'd be my mother," he said.

"I don't want you as my mother."

"I'm not a mother," Summer said. "I'm a princess."

Way to stand your ground, Summer. Hey, maybe in some twisted way, those feminist ideas are getting to her after all.

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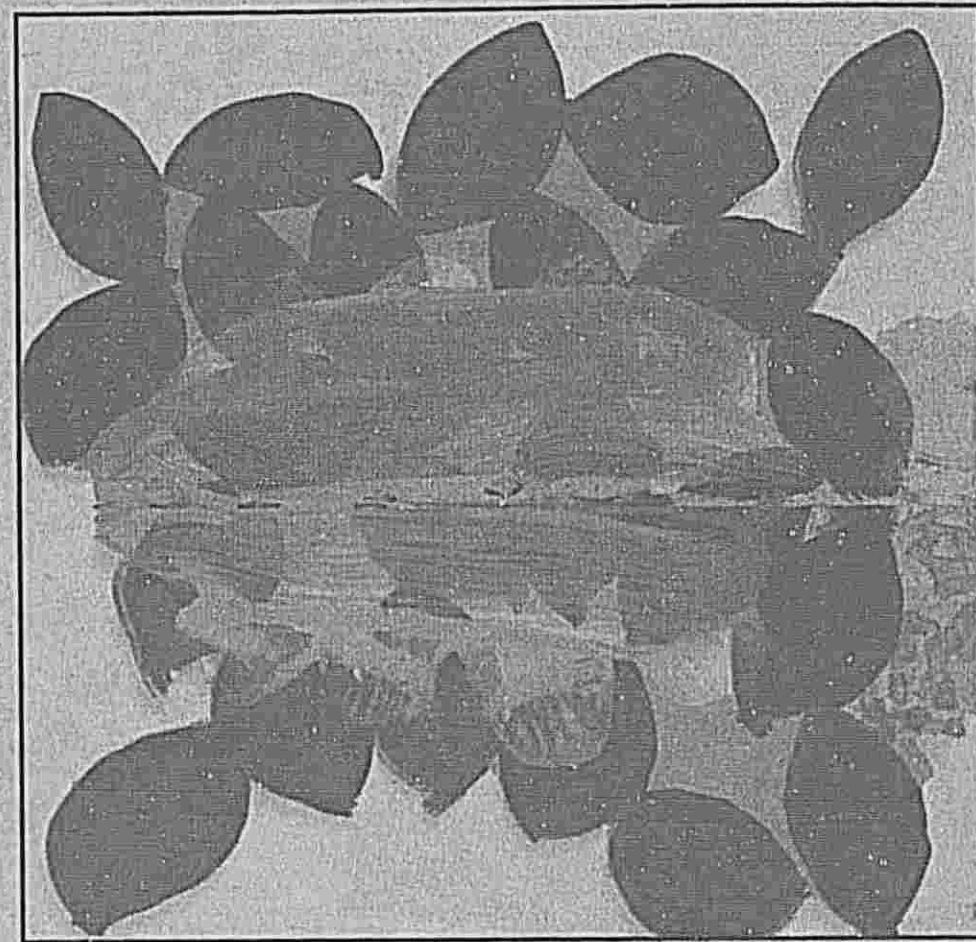


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The Museum of Contemporary Art will showcase the work of Richard Tuttle, including the art shown above, titled "20 Pearls," through Feb. 4.

## 'The Art of Richard Tuttle'

New exhibit opens at the Museum of Contemporary Art

The art exhibit

What: "The Art of Richard Tuttle"

Where: The Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago

When: Nov. 11 to Feb. 4

For more information: Visit [www.mcachicago.org](http://www.mcachicago.org)

CHICAGO – The Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) in Chicago is presenting "The Art of Richard Tuttle," which is the first full-scale retrospective of this influential American contemporary artist.

The exhibit will be on display from Nov. 17 through Feb. 4.

Bringing together more than 300 significant works from collections worldwide, this exhibition unifies Tuttle's four-decade career in a comprehensive presentation of his work.

The exhibition showcases a definitive selection of Tuttle's richly complex and highly diverse work from the mid-1960s to present.

It includes sculptures, paintings, assemblages, works on paper and artist books.

Madeleine Grynsztejn, a San Francisco curator, organized "The Art of Richard Tuttle" in collaboration with the artist.

Works in the exhibition are drawn from private collections and museums, including the National Gallery of Art in

Washington, D.C., the Musée National d'Art Moderne in Paris, the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, the San Francisco Museum of Contemporary Art and the MCA.

"Richard Tuttle has proven to be a highly influential figure for a younger generation of artists who have been drawn to the subtlety, modest scale and sense of experimentation that have characterized his work," MCA Curator Elizabeth Smith said.

"Describing himself as someone who 'works around the edges of things,' Tuttle has consistently aimed to break down conventional artistic categories and rethink the way objects communicate purpose and meaning," she added.

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# Artist community presents anniversary exhibition

CHICAGO - The Ragdale Foundation, a distinguished artist community and residency program, is concluding its 30th anniversary with a juried exhibition of works by Ragdale artists and related programming at the Chicago Cultural Center.

On display Nov. 17 to Jan. 13, the 30th Anniversary Exhibition will feature works of all media by more than 50 artists, all of whom have spent time in residence at Ragdale.

Margaret Hawkins, art critic for the Chicago Sun-Times and the Chicago correspondent for ArtNews, is the show's juror.

Featured artists include Barbara Cooper, Roland Kulla, Audrey Niffenegger, Olivia Petrides, Beth Reitmeier and E.W. Ross. Artwork will be available for purchase.

While the exhibition officially opens Nov. 17, Ragdale welcomes the public to the Ragdale Preview Opening Reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 16.

During the evening, guests will have a chance to win a one-day residency at Ragdale, as well as Ragdale T-shirts and other gear.

"We are really thrilled with

## All the details

**What:** The Ragdale Foundation's 30th Anniversary Exhibition

**Where:** The Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., Chicago

**Cost:** Free

**For more information:** visit [www.ragdale.org](http://www.ragdale.org)

the way the show has turned out," Ragdale Executive Director Susan Tillett said in a release. "Margaret's lively selection captures the wonderful range of work produced in Ragdale residencies."

The foundation also will partner with the Cultural Center on several programs to highlight Ragdale's writers.

At 7 p.m. on Nov. 28, the Guild Complex and the Center on Halsted will join Ragdale and the Cultural Center in hosting "Journey into Spiritual Activism: Story and Images of Two Artists in Vietnam," a multimedia program featuring Ragdale writer Michael McColly and photographer Tuong Nguyen. McColly will

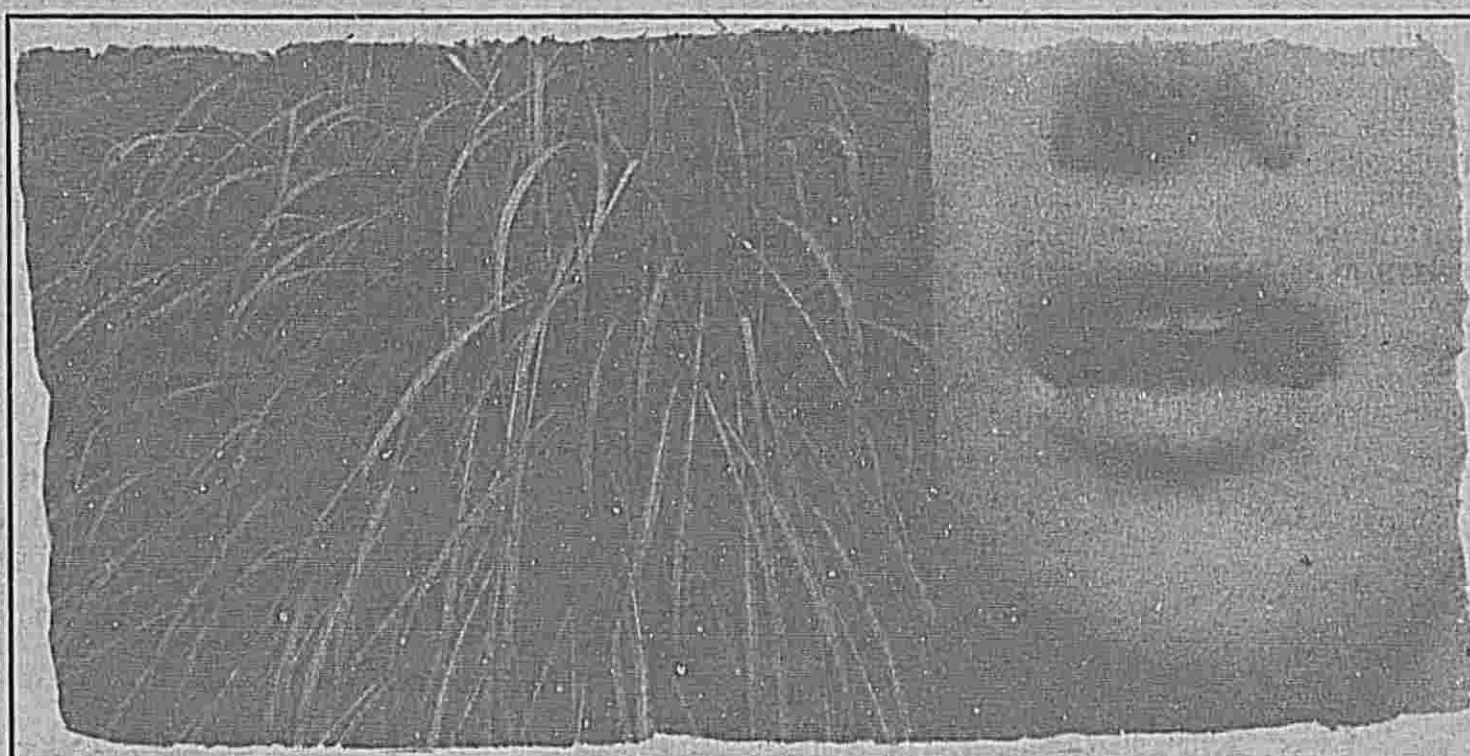


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The Ragdale Foundation is hosting its 30th Anniversary Exhibition at the Chicago Cultural Center through Jan. 13.

discuss his book, "The After Death Room: Journey into Spiritual Activism" (2006, Soft Skull Press). The event will take place in the Chicago Cultural Center's Claudia Cassidy Theater.

Then, at 7 p.m. on Jan. 11, Ragdale and the Cultural Center will present bestselling Ragdale alumni Alex Kotlowitz and Audrey Niffenegger in a "Ragdale Review: From Residency to Bestseller and

Back." These Chicago literary stars will take the stage for an evening of readings and insight into their careers and Ragdale residencies. The program will take place in the Claudia Cassidy Theater.

The Cultural Center also will include Ragdale and the 30th Anniversary Exhibition in two of its recurring art programs.

On Dec. 7, the center will host an artists at work forum on "Residencies and Other R&R,"

which will take place at 6 p.m. in the Chicago Rooms.

Representatives from Ragdale, Oxbow, Three Walls and the Kohler Center for Arts and Industry will discuss the opportunities that residencies provide for Chicago artists.

At 12:15 p.m. on Dec. 14, Hawkins will lead a gallery talk through the 30th Anniversary Exhibition.

All of the programs are free and open to the public.

## Game Dork

# New video games offer hours of fun

I just yanked the head off a dude. I did that right after I won a PGA Tour Golf Championship.

Isn't the world of video games a happy place? They let us live so many widely different lives that would never be possible, at least not for those of us who aren't murderous golfers and gambling dog owners.

**"Mortal Kombat: Armageddon"** - Oh, how the world changes. I played the original "Mortal Kombat" in the early '90s, when politicians were calling for the heads of "Kombat's" makers.

They were angry that in the game, when you beat up an opponent, you could pull off a "finishing move," such as ripping a head and spine from your opponent's body, as if he or she were a sardine or a shrimp.

It was super cool. In retrospect, it was quaint.

"Armageddon" is just the latest, greatest, gruesome rehash of those early "Mortal

Kombat" titles, but it's predictably much more graphic, as computer animation has blossomed like a beautiful flower. And the game is

just as fun as always. All these years later, there is zero controversy. None. Life moves fast.

The finishing moves are vast. My favorites are simple pleasures, like breaking a fighter's neck, decapitating him, or naturally the "spine rip."



Doug Elfman

It's fun, looks great and has easy-to-hard settings you can choose from.

**"Tiger Woods PGA Tour '07"** - I put off playing the new "Tour" for a few days because I knew once I started, I wouldn't be able to stop for 10 hours or so.

The greens, fairways and roughs are rolling hills of green.

The faces of Woods and other golfers are very detailed. And best of all, it's addicting to create your own golfer (mine's a woman with a large blouse and a short skirt) and develop your golfing skills by hitting eagles and great ball-spinning drives.

It's very fun, no matter the platform. It looks great. It's very challenging.

• Doug Elfman is a video game critic for the NorthWest News Group.

# Latin-style dances, auction to take place

## LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

CRYSTAL LAKE - The slow, romantic Latin dance known as the rumba will be the featured dance at the Greater Fox Valley of USA Dance's "Rumba Rhapsody" and silent auction on Nov. 18.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. and will take place at the Sage Ballroom of the Lakeside Legacy Arts Park, home of the historic Dole Mansion, 402 Country Club Road, in Crystal Lake.

The silent auction will feature many items just in time for holiday giving. At past auctions, many of the theme baskets have been purchased far below their value. Proceeds from the auction at this once-a-year event go toward special events, such as the big band dances.

A complimentary rumba dance will be taught by Frank

and Jackie Penze from 7 to 8 p.m. Dr. Rod will spin a good mix of oldies, Latin and contemporary music. Admission is \$10 for non-members and \$7 for USA Dance members. Also included with admission will be appetizers, cake and coffee, sweets and door prizes. A syllabus is provided of a suggested dance to do during each song.

For more information, visit the chapter's Web site at [www.dancefoxvalley.org](http://www.dancefoxvalley.org), or contact Walt at (815) 337-6860, or Jackie at (847) 639-8699.

The Greater Fox Valley Chapter of USA Dance is a non-profit organization. The last dance of the year is the "Snow Ball" on Dec. 16. Lessons at American Stars of Dance Studio, 133 Cedar Ave. in Lake Villa, take place from 7 to 8 p.m., 8 to 9 p.m. and 9 to 10 p.m. on Jan. 9. Cost is \$90 per couple.



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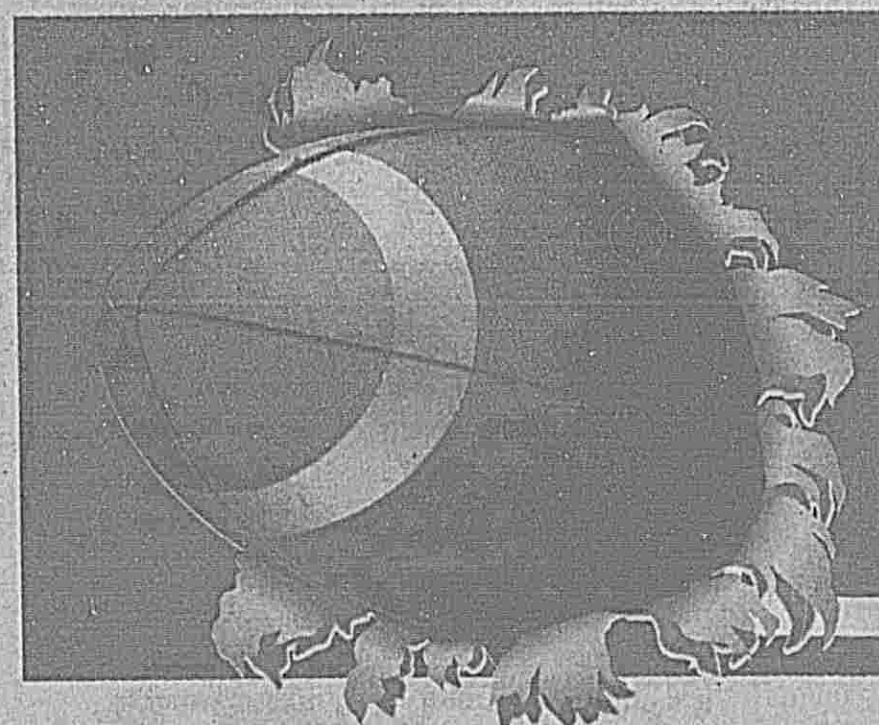
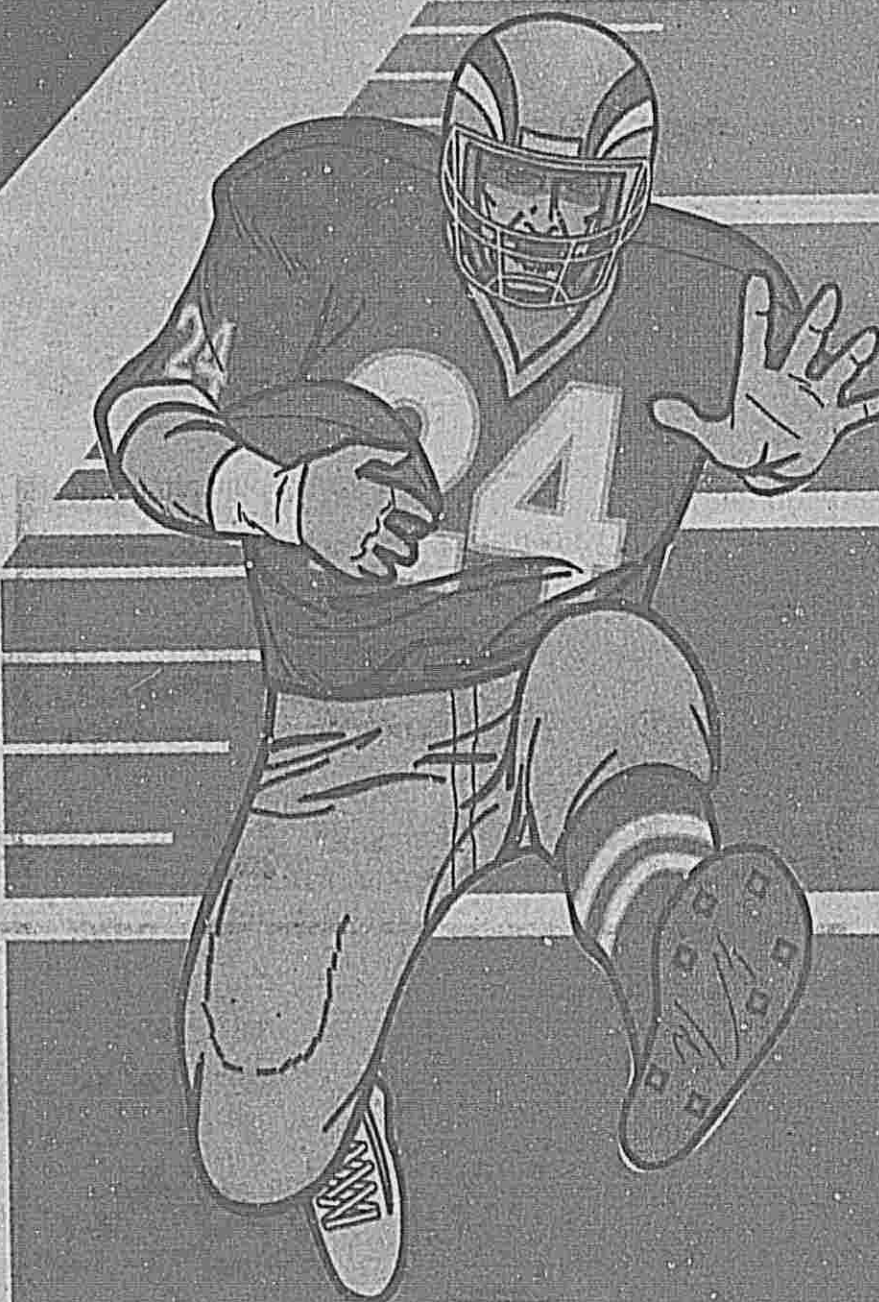
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Select a winner from each of the week's games, listed below. Select in descending order of your CONFIDENCE in your choices. Win points at left for each correct selection toward possible total of 136 points. See complete rules below. You must be at least 8 (eight) years old to enter. To enter, clip along dotted line, then place game entry in POWER POINTS container at cosponsor's retail outlet(s). Entrants must list name, address and phone number below.

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- Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your predicted winner on the 16-point list, and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a long shot. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If the step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offense in yardage from scrimmage in the game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly Midwest regional winner will receive \$1000.
- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
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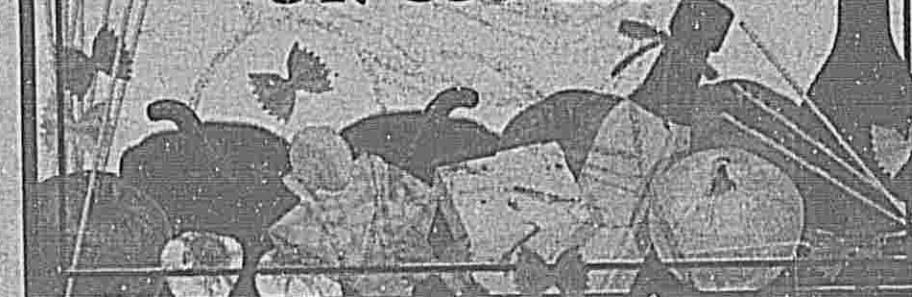
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### Health beat

## Pets are frustrating, but they make life worthwhile

This is a tribute to Sandy and Dr. Pat Mulder.

Many of you out there have a family pet. Our family consisted of two golden retrievers and a toy fox terrier.

There is such joy when you bring a puppy home, and there are also times of frustration — when will they learn to go outside, or that the Kleenex in the bathroom garbage can is not for consumption and that furniture is not for teething.

They have the knack of finding things you thought you lost years ago — and then, of course, using them as teething toys.

All this goes along with bringing a new puppy home. However, all those frustrations

are diminished when you walk inside your house after being at work all day, and they are there at the door greeting you with their tails wagging. You have to watch their tails, as they will take everything within a two-foot radius and send them flying through the air.

We experienced all those frustrations and, most important, all those joys watching our golden named Sandy grow up.

On Halloween, I came home from work. Sandy was not at the door with our other two dogs to greet me. I found Sandy having trouble breathing.

I instinctually knew something was wrong. I called our veterinarian and was advised to bring her to the office.

In our times of sorrow, I believe an angel is always provided to ease our pain, and Dr. Pat Mulder was ours during the last few hours of Sandy's life.

After she explained to me what was going on, I called my boyfriend to come home. Though Dr. Mulder was due to go home, she sat with me off and on for the next hour. She brought me a box of Kleenex and offered hugs and her shoulder. She also gave me time alone with Sandy to say my goodbyes.

My boyfriend arrived one hour after I had brought Sandy to the office. A few minutes later, with tears in her eyes, Dr. Mulder said Sandy had died.

There is nothing that takes

the sorrow and grief away when we lose a pet. The unconditional love they offered us for their entire lives creates an



Linda DeFever

empty space in our hearts. Throughout the next week, I tried to focus on gratitude; that I had the joy of being with Sandy and also that, during her last hour of

her life, we were able to surround her with love. I am grateful for the compassion that Dr. Mulder showed me and my boyfriend during that

hour in her office. She was an angel in our time of grief.

I know that my heavy heart and sadness will diminish a little each day. And I also know that Sandy, though I cannot see her, is watching over me. She is with me in spirit, and soon I will be able to think of her with a smile on my face instead of tears in my eyes.

I want to thank you, Sandy, for sharing your life with us. And I thank you, Dr. Mulder, for your unending compassion.

• Linda DeFever is the owner of Vitality Inc., Where Exercise and Nutrition Meet in Balance at Serenity Health Resources in Wauconda. To have your health and fitness questions answered, e-mail DeFever at [ocfever01@yahoo.com](mailto:ocfever01@yahoo.com).

## John Mayer ready to rock in Dekalb

DEKALB — John Mayer is set to rock the Convocation Center at Northern Illinois University at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20. The opening act is Mat Kearney.

Tickets cost \$45 and can be bought at the Convocation Center box office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or by calling (312) 559-1212.

The Dekalb concert is taking place to support Mayer's third studio album, "Continuum," which showcases the culmination of the artist's influences.

Before hitting the road, Mayer expressed his excitement to tour again on his blog.

"It's a brand new show," Mayer wrote on [www.johnmayer.com](http://www.johnmayer.com). "Even the old tunes are new."

"Continuum" is a pop/rock album showcasing Mayer's bluesy guitar and vocals.

The album features the radio hits "Waiting On The World To Change" and "Belief."

A musician and collaborator who exceeds genre boundaries, Mayer famously toured

and recorded with power players Pino Palladino and Steve Jordan as



### Where it's at

The Convocation Center is located at 1525 W. Lincoln Highway in DeKalb.

the John Mayer Trio. The group's live album, "Try," was released in 2005.

Mayer's other works include collaborations with Eric Clapton, BB King, Herbie Hancock, Dixie Chicks, Kanye West and Alicia Keys.

The songwriter has sold more than eight million albums and earned three Grammy Awards.

For more information on the John Mayer show, visit [www.johnmayer.com](http://www.johnmayer.com).

## Holiday health tips

During the holiday season, it can be difficult to make healthy eating choices.

Gaining five to 10 pounds before the new year might seem inevitable, but that's not so according to Paul Ratte, ND, a naturopathic practitioner at Northwestern Health Sciences University's Natural Care Center at Woodwinds in Woodbury, Minn.

"Research shows that we tend to gain an average of one pound during the holiday season," Ratte said in a release. "However, that's a permanent pound, so after 20 years, we're 20 pounds heavier."

To avoid gaining that holiday pound, Ratte offers these tips for the holiday season:

• **Don't skip meals.** Eat breakfast and small, frequent meals throughout the day, so it will be easier to resist snacks in the evening.

• **Plan ahead.** When going into a situation where food will be ample, write down ahead of time what to do when tempted to overindulge, and keep the paper close by.

• **Wear clothing to feel good.** When comfortable, one is less likely to eat emotionally.

• **Take a walk before a meal.** Walking increases energy and distracts the mind from food.

• **Participate in activities.** Do things that aren't centered on food, such as sledding, skating, or caroling. Remember, the holidays are a time to spend with family and friends, not food.

By following Dr. Ratte's tips, it is possible to avoid gaining that extra pound and to celebrate the holidays focused on loved ones, rather than food.

For additional resources on staying healthy through the holidays, go to [www.nwhealth.edu/healthyu](http://www.nwhealth.edu/healthyu), a Web site focused on natural approaches to health and wellness hosted by Northwestern Health Sciences University.

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# 'Disposable Nation' brings it home

By TOM WITOM  
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Mother Earth takes it on the chin in "Disposable Nation," Second City e.t.c.'s 29th revue, as do lazy-bones members of Congress ("working hard - three days a week"), know-it-all teachers and smug parents who try to live their lives through their adolescent kids.

The continuing war in Iraq, half-hearted recycling programs and racist swingers also get their licks, while illegal immigrants and stem cell research come under razor-sharp satiric scrutiny in this latest production.

No issue is too thorny for the equally razor-sharp direction of Jim Carlson. The show's six-member cast knows how to hold it all together, whether during a frenzied, scripted skit, or a sink-or-swim, free-form improvisation involving audience members.

The highly energetic performers, each a delight, include Amanda Blake Davis, Rob Janas, Nicky Margolis, Alex Fendrich, Niki Lindgren and Andy St. Clair. Collectively, they form a well-oiled comedy machine that captures one searing truth after another.

One wildly irreverent bit finds a prospective patient meeting up for the first time with his doctor - a totally unsuitable physician who is assigned to do

## Tickets, please

What: "Disposable Nation"  
Where: Second City e.t.c. Theatre, 1608 N. Wells St., Chicago  
When: Open run  
Tickets: \$18 to \$24  
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open heart surgery. "He's the only one covered under your health plan," a nurse explains.

Another sketch, a rap number, finds a former student returning to his alma mater specifically to taunt his science teacher.

Later in the play, a father blurts out all of his son's deepest secrets, immediately after promising to keep them in confidence.

Act II opens with a sizzling scene in a Las Vegas airport smoking lounge, where smokers tout their dwindling rights to a nicotine fix.

Another skit evolves when a son introduces his Hawaiian finance to a shocked, displeased father who, it turns out, has a surprise in his own closet.

Three moms, the daughters of Mother Earth, take part in a rough scrapbooking session, only to have their seemingly idyllic lives unfold in shambles.

"Disposable Nation" does a stunning job jabbing at our vulnerabilities.

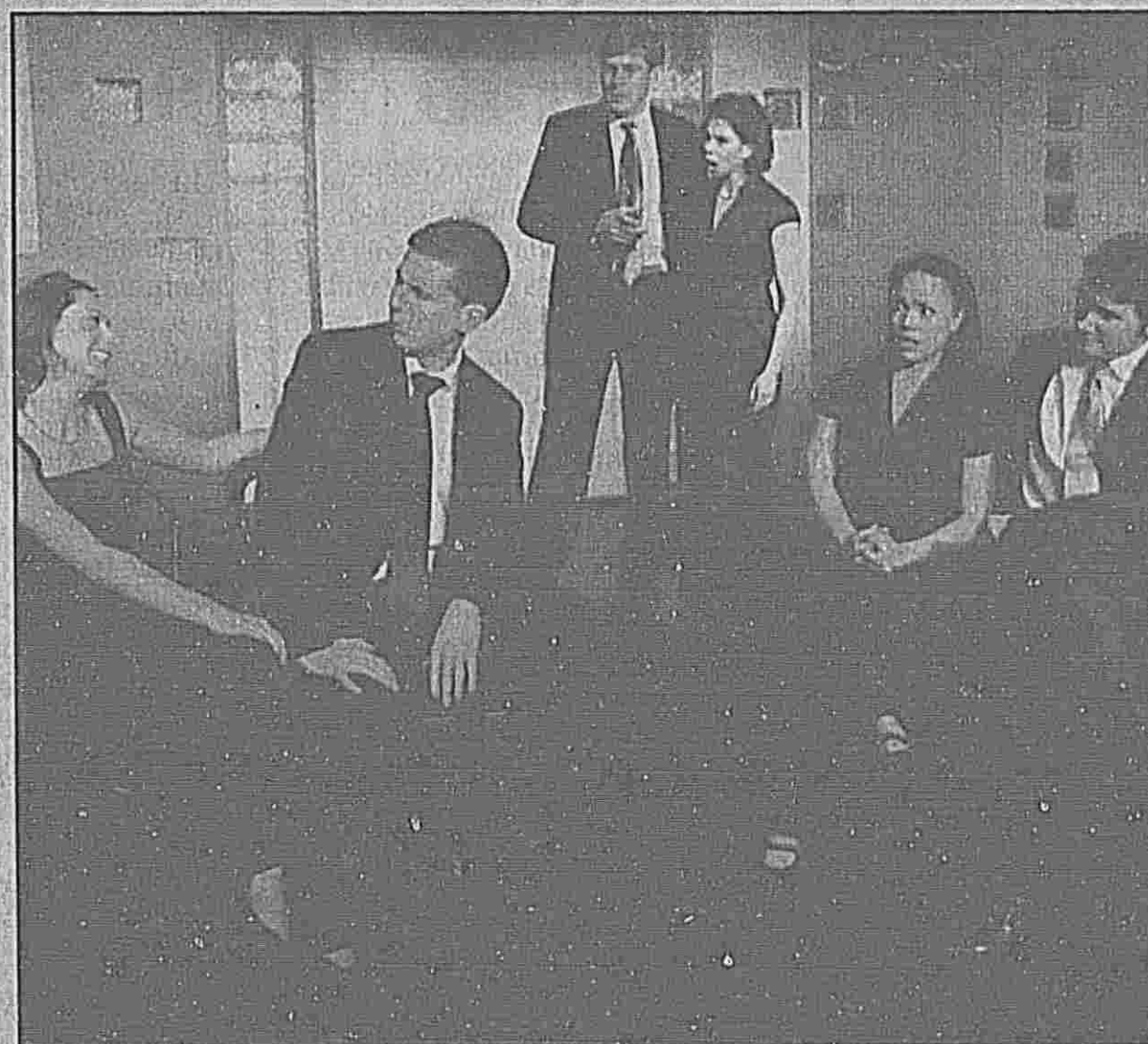


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The cast of Second City e.t.c. Theatre's "Disposable Nation" includes (from left) Amanda Blake Davis, Bob Janas, Alex Fendrich, Nicky Margolis, Niki Lindgren and Andy St. Clair.

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## Thanksgiving hints from a cooking veteran

By **TOM WITOM**  
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As the countdown approaches for Thanksgiving, some advance footwork in the kitchen could transform the big day by relieving the anxiety of meal preparation and freeing up a chunk of time for the home cook to visit with guests.

That's the basis for "Happy Holidays from the Diva of Do-Ahead" (Harvard Common Press, 2006), a new book by award-winning cookbook author Diane Phillips.

Her useful volume is filled with practical, time-saving suggestions — no matter the holiday.

### Old-Fashioned Do-Ahead Bread Stuffing (Serves 12)

**Ingredients:**  
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter  
2 cups chopped celery  
2 cups chopped onion

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh sage or 1 teaspoon dried sage  
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh thyme leaves or 1 teaspoon dried thyme  
12 cups stale dry bread cubes  
1 tablespoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 1/2 to 2 cups chicken broth, as needed  
1 large egg, beaten

#### Directions:

Melt the butter over low heat in a large saute pan, and cook the celery, onion, sage and thyme until the onion is golden.

Place the bread cubes, salt and pepper in large mixing bowl, and add the celery mixture, tossing to blend. Pour the broth over the stuffing ingredients, add the egg, and stir to blend. (Diva Do-Ahead: At this point, you can cool, cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days, or

freeze for up to 1 month).

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Coat the inside of a 3-quart baking dish, and bake for 30 minutes, basting with turkey drippings or butter halfway through the cooking time.

**Note:** If you like crispy stuffing, don't drown your bread cubes in liquid, and bake the stuffing outside the turkey. For those who like a moist stuffing, stuff it inside the turkey, or add more liquid to the stuffing, and bake it covered with aluminum foil in the oven.

**Variations:** While sauteing the onion and celery, add any of the following:

- \* 1 pound sliced mushrooms
- \* 1/2 pound crawfish tails
- \* 1/2 cup dried chopped apricots
- \* 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- \* 1 dozen chopped oysters
- \* 1 cup pecan halves
- \* 1 cup giblets, poached in broth or water for about 30 minutes and

finely chopped

### Parmesan-Crusted Creamed Corn (Serves 8 to 10)

#### Ingredients:

6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted butter, melted  
2/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
1 1/2 cups heavy cream  
Two 16-ounce packages frozen white corn, defrosted  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon sugar  
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

#### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Brush a 13-by-9-inch baking dish with some of the butter. Sprinkle 1/3 cup of the cheese over the bottom of the dish and tilt so the cheese is evenly distributed and adheres to the butter. (Or you can use 10, 4-ounce

ramekins for individual servings).

In a large saucepan, heat the cream until it begins to boil. Add the corn, salt and sugar, and heat, stirring occasionally, until the mixture is almost at a boil.

In the meantime, make a paste out of the remaining melted butter and the flour. Stir it into the mixture in the saucepan, and cook until thickened and the liquid comes to a boil.

Remove the pan from the heat, transfer the mixture to the prepared dish (or ramekins) and sprinkle with the remaining 1/3 cup cheese. (Diva Do-Ahead: At this point, you can let cool, cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days, or freeze for up to 1 month.

Bring to room temperature before continuing.) Bake the corn until bubbling and golden brown, about 30 minutes. (Individual ramekins will take 15 to 20 minutes.) Serve immediately.

## Preparing to entertain does not have to be a nightmare

Whether you're planning a banquet, small gathering or an intimate dinner, entertaining during the holidays can be festive, fun and satisfying.

Yes, you heard that right. It can be fun! Entertaining can also be easy and streamlined when you plan festive, flavorful, people-pleasing dishes that can

go from the oven to the table in one step. Preparing, baking and serving in the same beautiful dish cuts down on preparation time and clean up efforts and helps you to enjoy your own party.

### Orange-Rosemary Baked Chicken (Serves 4)

**Ingredients:**  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1/2 cup orange juice  
1 tablespoon honey  
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon grated orange zest

1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, or 1 teaspoon dried  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Dash white pepper  
1 whole chicken (3 1/2 pound), quartered  
Orange segments for garnish

#### Directions:

In medium bowl, whisk together all ingredients except chicken. Place chicken in lightly sprayed or

oiled baking dish. Cover chicken with marinade. Cover and refrigerate two hours, turning once. Allow chicken to come to room temperature before baking.

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### Book signing

Local author G.C. Rosenquist will be signing copies of his new book, "Super Elastic Traveling Sound Circus," as well as his three previous novels, at Paige Turner Books in Zion from 1 to 4

p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25.

For more information, call (847) 731-7300.

### Holiday bazaar

The Open House & Holiday Craft Bazaar will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, at Highland's Presbyterian Church, 330 Laurel Ave., in Highland Park. Crafts, gifts and baked goods will be on sale.

For more information, e-mail Paula Johnson at [fnbazaar@yahoo.com](mailto:fnbazaar@yahoo.com).

### Holiday workshops

Mangels of Long Grove will present a series of holiday design workshops demonstrating home decorating techniques for Thanksgiving and Christmas from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Nov. 18. Cost is \$25 a person and includes lunch. For more information, or to register, call (847) 634-9287.

## BRIDAL SHOWCASE



### Engagements

#### Tracie Zersen & Adam Ghrist

The engagement of Tracie Zersen and Adam Ghrist has been announced.

Tracie is the daughter of Jerry and Sherrie Zersen of Antioch. Adam is the son of Becky Ghrist and (the late) Dr. Ron Ghrist of Pittsfield.

The wedding will take place in December with a reception to follow at the Midlane Country Club-Chandler Ballroom.



Adam Ghrist & Tracie Zersen

#### Cassidy Jensen & Christopher Douglas

The engagement of Cassidy Anne Jensen and Christopher William Douglas, has been announced.

Cassidy is the daughter of Christopher M. and Brooke Jensen of Lakemoor and Scott and Leslie (Beldo) Malach of Lake Villa. Christopher is the son of Robert K. and Douglas and Sharon D. Thunberg of Ocala, Fla.

The wedding is planned for September 2007.



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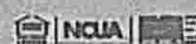
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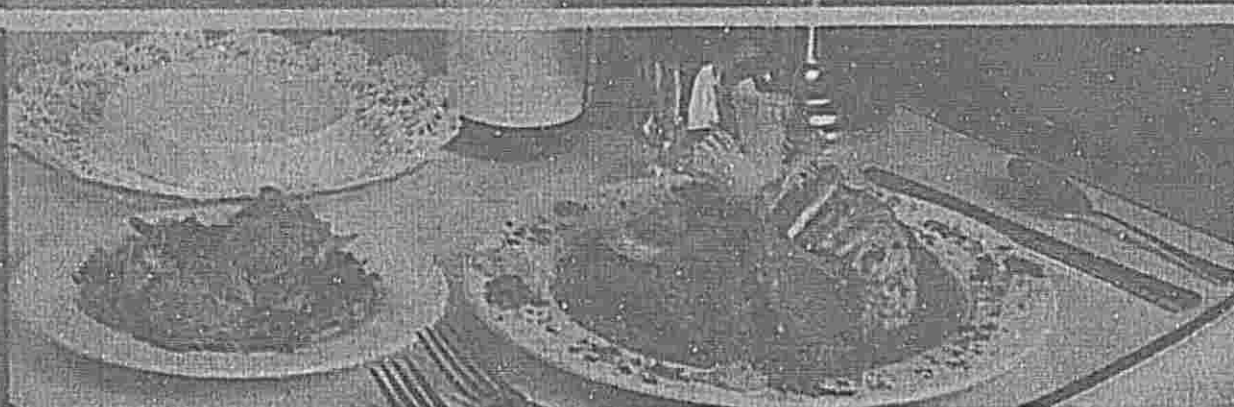
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## ACROSS

- Chinese ethnic group
- Either of two large chest muscles
- Prevents harm to creatures
- Graduate (slang)
- Of agriculture
- Close by
- Vacation site
- Swiss river
- Electronic communication
- Stalk of a moss capsule
- Proof of payment (abbr.)
- Entitled to reverence
- What lawyers speak
- Copyread
- Change odometer back to "0"
- Works at a college
- Detestation
- Talkers have a gift for it
- Above
- Microgram (abbr.)
- Get used to something
- Find way out
- Search and Rescue Dog Assoc.
- Mountains in Kyrgyzstan
- Designer's studio
- Playful in a mischievous way
- Unconsciousness
- La Tar Pits

## Hollywood

- Transient cessation of respiration
- Oil cartel
- Above the topmast and below the royal
- Visual receptor cell sensitive to color
- County in W. No. Carolina
- Long-winged sea eagle
- WWI military bags
- Notch
- Days (Spanish)

## DOWN

- Spikes
- Pinkish tinged tropical fruit
- Plant genus Rhus
- Refereed
- Standard score
- Selves
- Disposed to inflict suffering
- Mold without melting
- Entangled
- Period without war
- Freshwater fishes
- A sharp narrow ridge
- Metaphorical saying
- "The Guardians of \_\_\_\_\_" by Francis
- Reduces emitted light
- Volcanic mountain in Japan

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- Teutonic God of war
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- One who is morally reprehensible
- Lower in rank or esteem
- Central processing unit
- Conway, AR school
- Million gallons per day (abbr.)
- Religion Newswriters Assoc. (abbr.)
- King of Huns (Scandinavian)
- Manes
- Denotes three
- Arabic porter
- Ruffled water surface
- Financial obligations
- Bow missiles
- Ready to fire
- Software by Stefan Huber
- Part of a flower
- City in Finland
- Cassia acutifolia
- Feels distaste for
- Ad \_\_\_\_\_: play slowly
- Social insect living in colonies

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Puzzle Solution

## Horoscope

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

It's time to put family matters before career matters, Scorpio. Otherwise, both areas of your life will end up suffering. Spend some time with yourself.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

A financial windfall is heading your way, Sagittarius, but it won't come in the manner you expect. There's more than meets the eye to your newfound bounty.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Get serious about health and fitness, Capricorn. You have to pool your energy toward feeding your mind and body.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Someone close will need your support more than ever, Aquarius.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

If you want to have fun, this week is the

time to do it. So many entertaining opportunities are presented to you.

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You've missed an opportunity, Aries. But don't worry; it wasn't meant to be.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Someone is demanding all of your attention, Taurus. However, this week you simply cannot devote that much energy.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

You are fine-tuned to your financial needs this week, Gemini. This will help you with complex negotiations.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

It's OK if you let someone close see your vulnerable side this week, Cancer.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

You need some solitude this week, Leo,

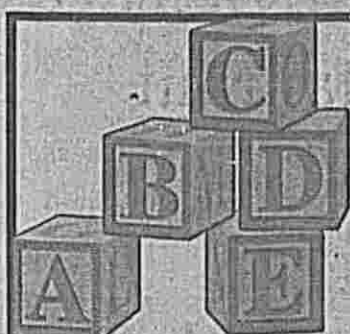
to work things out.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

There's someone who is asking for your help, but you're not sure if you want to offer assistance, Virgo.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Lately, you've been the cat's meow, Libra, doing no wrong. But the stars can change quickly.



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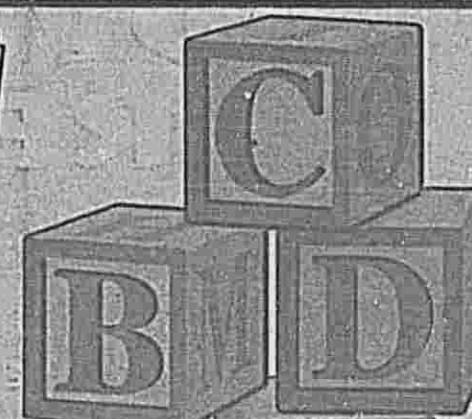
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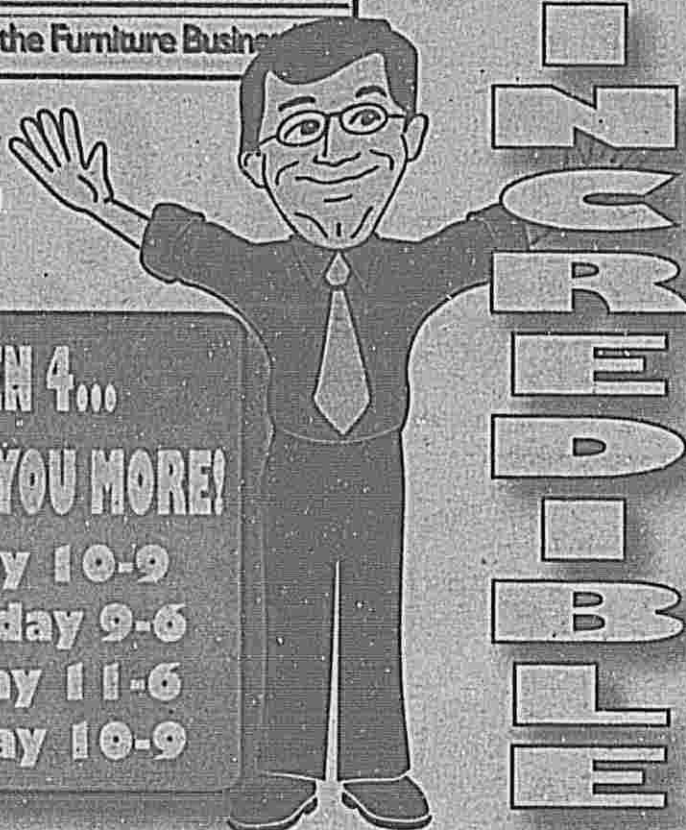
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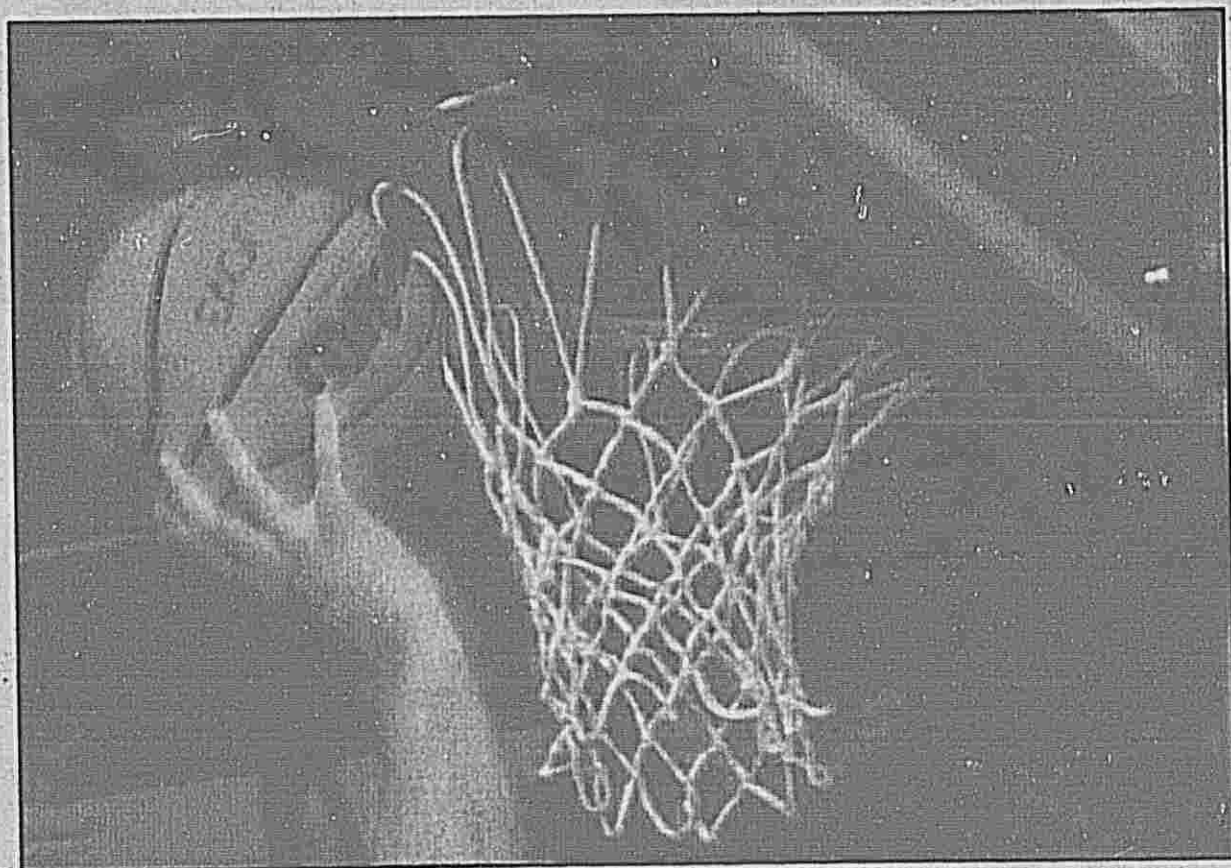
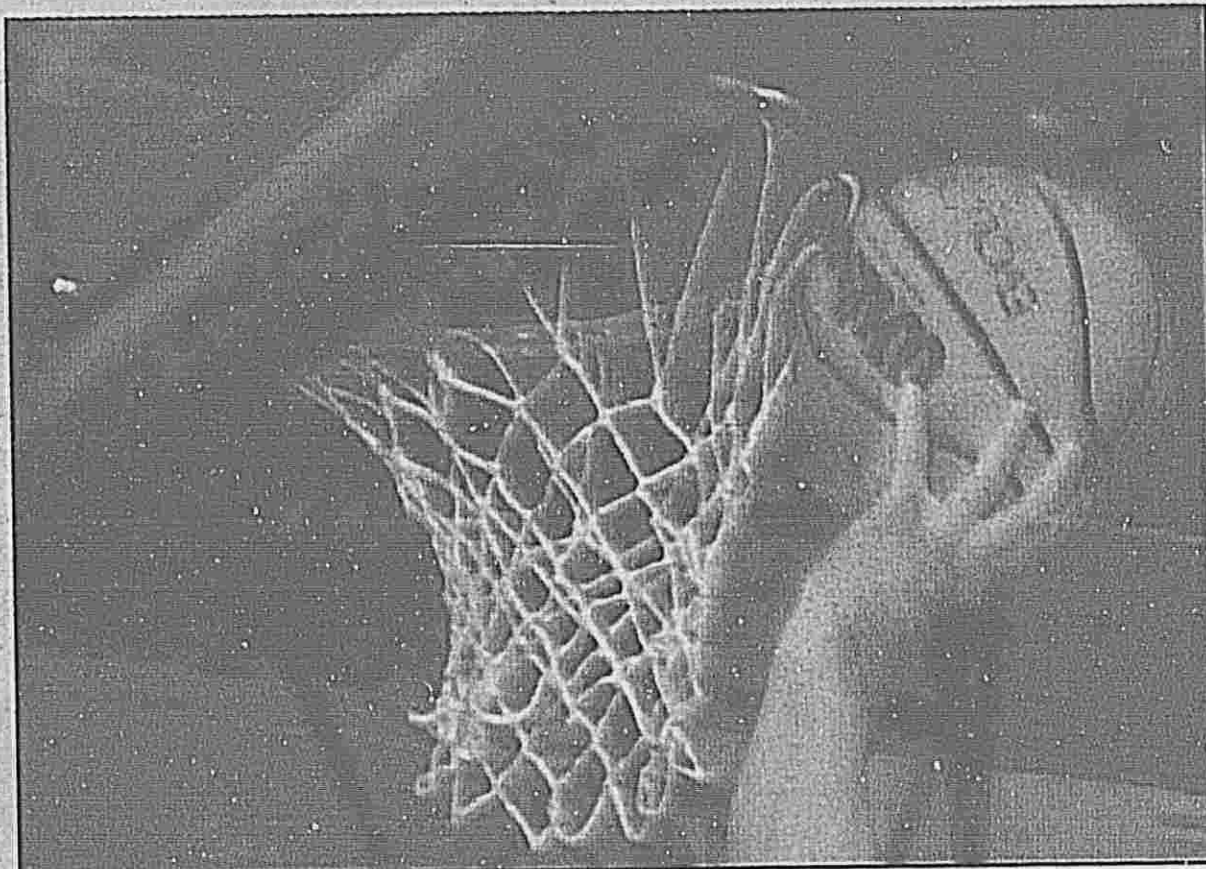
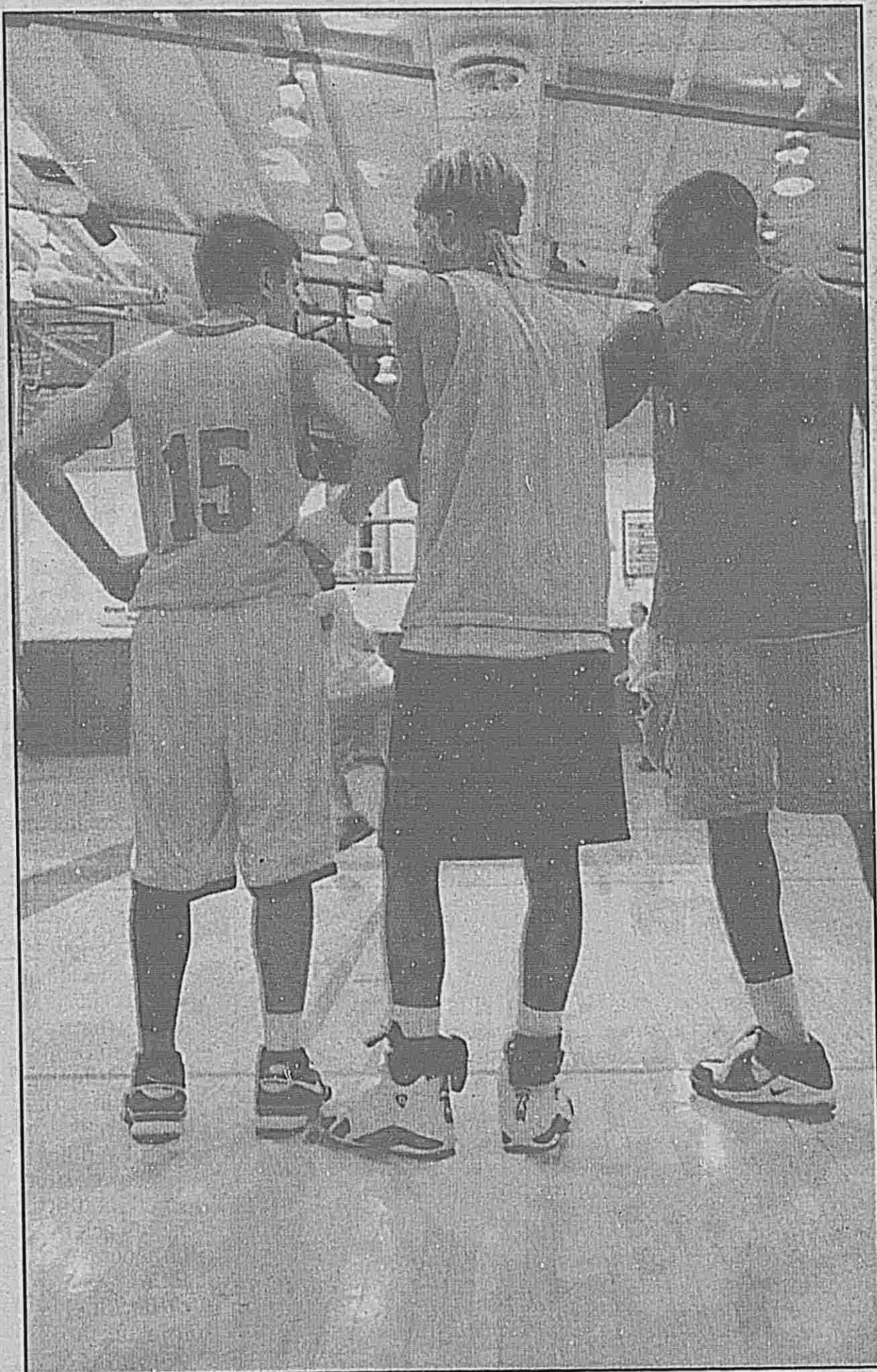


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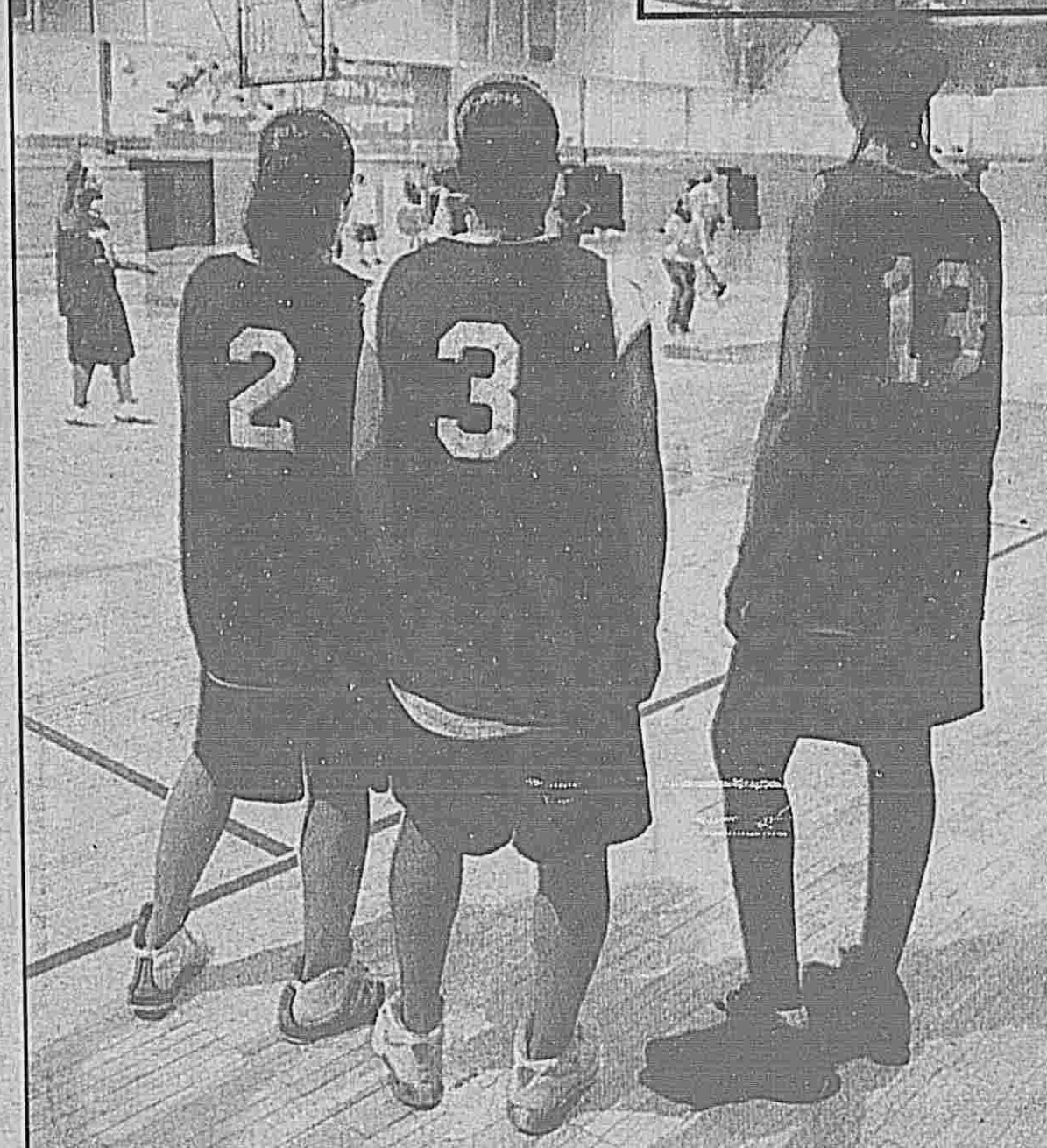
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(Grant boys and Waukegan  
girls basketball playerswatch a preseason practice  
and a player lays in a basket.)

## ANATOMY OF A CENTER

‘Big body’ position is more than just physical size

By DANIEL J. PATRICK  
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For me, it was predestined; there was a fate that I had to fulfill: I had to play basketball.

When most of my friends had barely broken the 5-foot mark, I was pushing 6 feet. By the time I was 13, I was 6-1, 14, 6-4, and I was truly able to "act my age and my shoe size" until the age of 16 when I stood at 6-6.

At my size, there were two occupations that came naturally: bullying and basketball.

Like so many oversized young athletes around Lake County, I chose the latter.

While getting into cars and fitting into beds might be a chore, there's nothing like sinking a hook or blocking an opponent's shot into the next county.

From George Mikan to Wilt Chamberlain to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, if there's been a position that defines the game of basketball, it's the center position.

In high school, if you're taller than 6-4, it's almost a rule to be asked about the sport of basketball.

For girls at that height, it's even worse. Warren's Sarah Boothe and Grant's Becka Gonyo both stand at 6-4. So naturally, they're both stars on the hardwood. Boothe is the Lake County Journals' preseason MVP, while Gonyo is expected to pick up right where she left off after returning from illness last season.

"There's a lot that goes into being a center," Boothe said. "There's nothing like it. Everything's a fight."

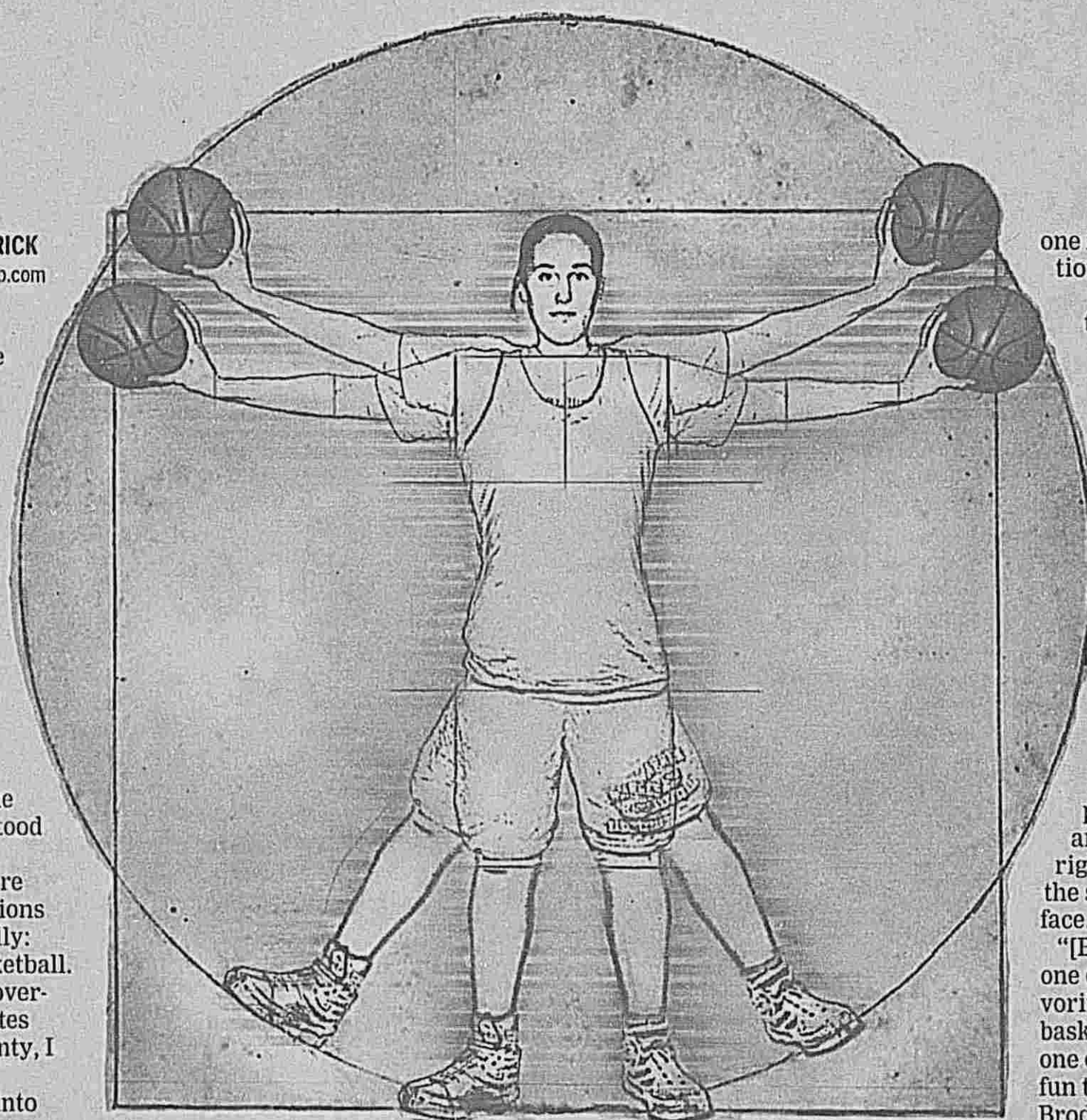


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At 6 feet 8 inches tall and just more than 200 pounds, Carmel center Robert Brodarick is the prototypical size for a varsity boys center.

As it turns out, what some people don't know about basketball really can hurt them. Brodarick considered hanging up his sneakers after learning about the bump and grind under the basket.

"It's a lot more physical than a lot of people think," Brodarick said. "It's enough to make people second-guess what sport they want to do ... It's physical, it's demanding; the center is the one position in basketball where you have to take a hit."

Nothing changes on the girls side of the lane, either.

"I can definitely say that a lot of the guards don't understand how we have to fight underneath the basket," Boothe said. "There's so much elbowing and pushing, you always have to fight some-

one for position."

With the big shoes and bruises under the basket comes the art of the shot block.

In the wide world of sports, there's nothing quite like taking the perfect arc of another player's shot and sending it right back into the shooter's face.

"[Blocking] is one of my favorite parts of basketball; it's one of the most fun things to do," Brodarick said.

"It creates power; it changes the game."

You can really intimidate someone when you do it."

## Mental size

No one will argue that the most basic ingredient of a true center is a player's height. However, there is a ballet of sorts going on with all of the elbows and cheap shots underneath the basket.

From Mikan drills to sky hooks, it takes more than a big body to create a good center. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar once famously said: "You have to be able to center yourself, to let all your emotions go. Don't ever forget that you play with your soul as well as your body."

Even when she was a freshman, many a foe had to look past Boothe and her 6-4 frame. They were forced to look at her understanding of the game.

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## ANTIOCH SEQUOITS



"Our kids have high hopes to improve on last year [10-16]."

**Tom Duffy**

Antioch varsity boys basketball head coach

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2/16	7:30 p.m.	Wauconda*
2/20	7 p.m.	Libertyville

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# Hard work adds up for Antioch

By STEVE PETERSON

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Opening the new boys basketball season with a couple of tough opponents might give Antioch coach Tom Duffy a good indication of where his team stands.

"We open with Lake Zurich and Wheeling in the Lake-Cook Classic. I don't believe in opening with [weak] teams. I say, 'bring them on and let's play,'" Duffy said.

Duffy, in his fourth year at Antioch, thinks he has established himself with the team he needs to make a mark.

"Now I feel that it is really my program," Duffy said. "We have changed a lot here over the years."

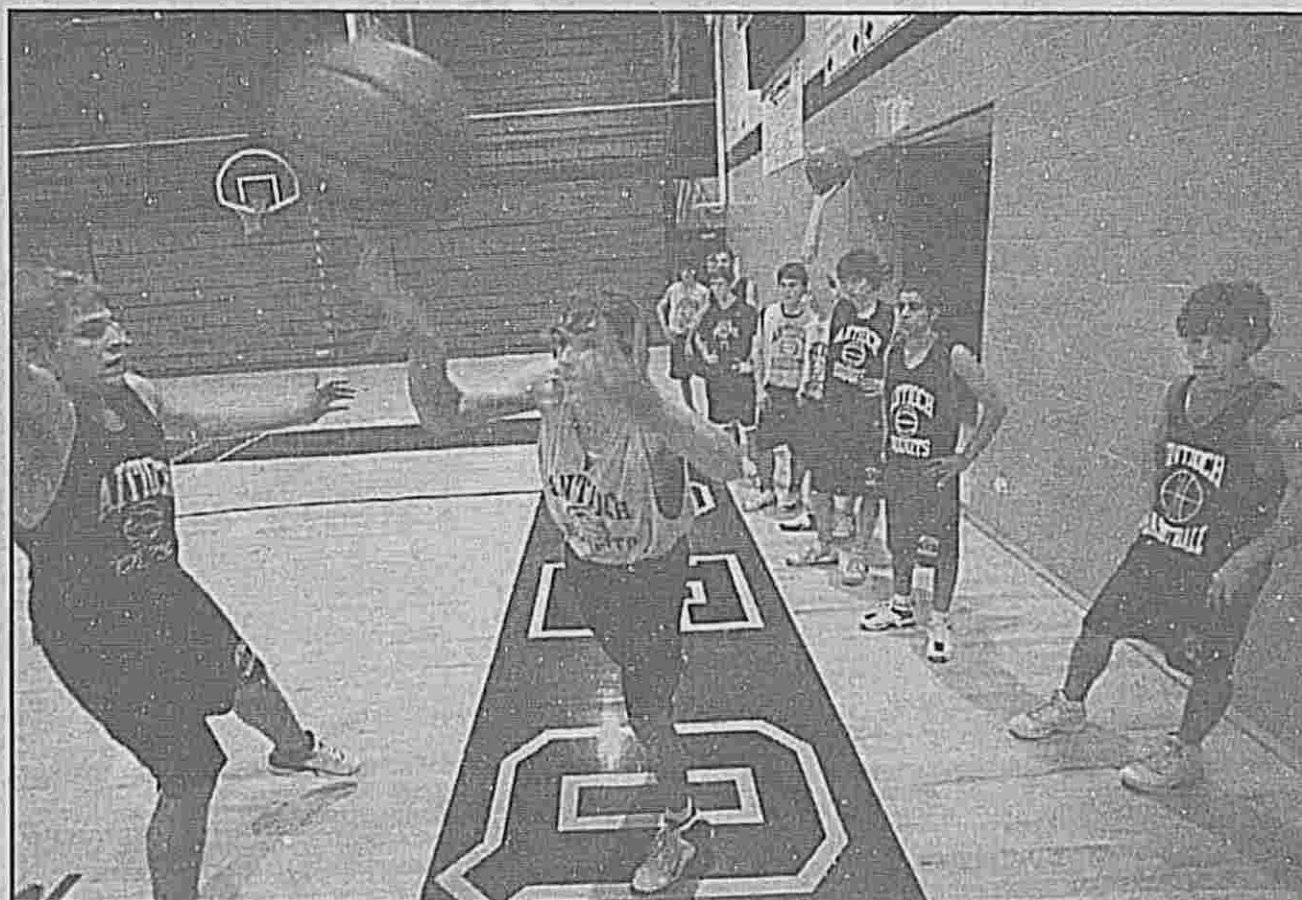
The Sequoits don't have a superstar, but they do have a collection of hard-working players ready to turn up the heat with a pressing defense. The starting lineup is, like the direction the country is going with recent elections, democratic.

Senior Brett Paramski, a 6-2 forward, is "real enthusiastic, and he will do the right thing; more of a rebounder," Duffy said.

Brett McKenzie, a 5-8 guard, is back as well and possess quickness and an ability to go to the basket, Duffy said.

Andre Sobolzarro, a 6-foot senior, has shown a lot of improvement, Duffy said. The senior could be a three-point shooting threat.

Also a perimeter is senior Jeff Lorenzen,



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The varsity boys basketball team at Antioch High School practices drills during their first week of practice to prepare for the 2006-07 basketball season.

a 6-1 transfer from Round Lake.

The junior class represented by Lamarr Pottinger, who is leading the way as a 5-10 slasher-type player.

"Our kids have high hopes to improve on last year [10-16]," Duffy said. "In addition to

those players, we have 10 to 12 players who we can count on and won't see a drop-off."

Fellow district 117 school, Lakes, is a favorite in North Suburban Conference Prairie Division, along with perennial contender North Chicago.

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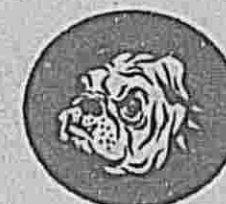
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## GRANT BULLDOGS



"Zak [Jolly] showed flashes of being a good player last year. We hope that he can be more consistent."

**Phil Ralston**

Grant varsity boys basketball head coach

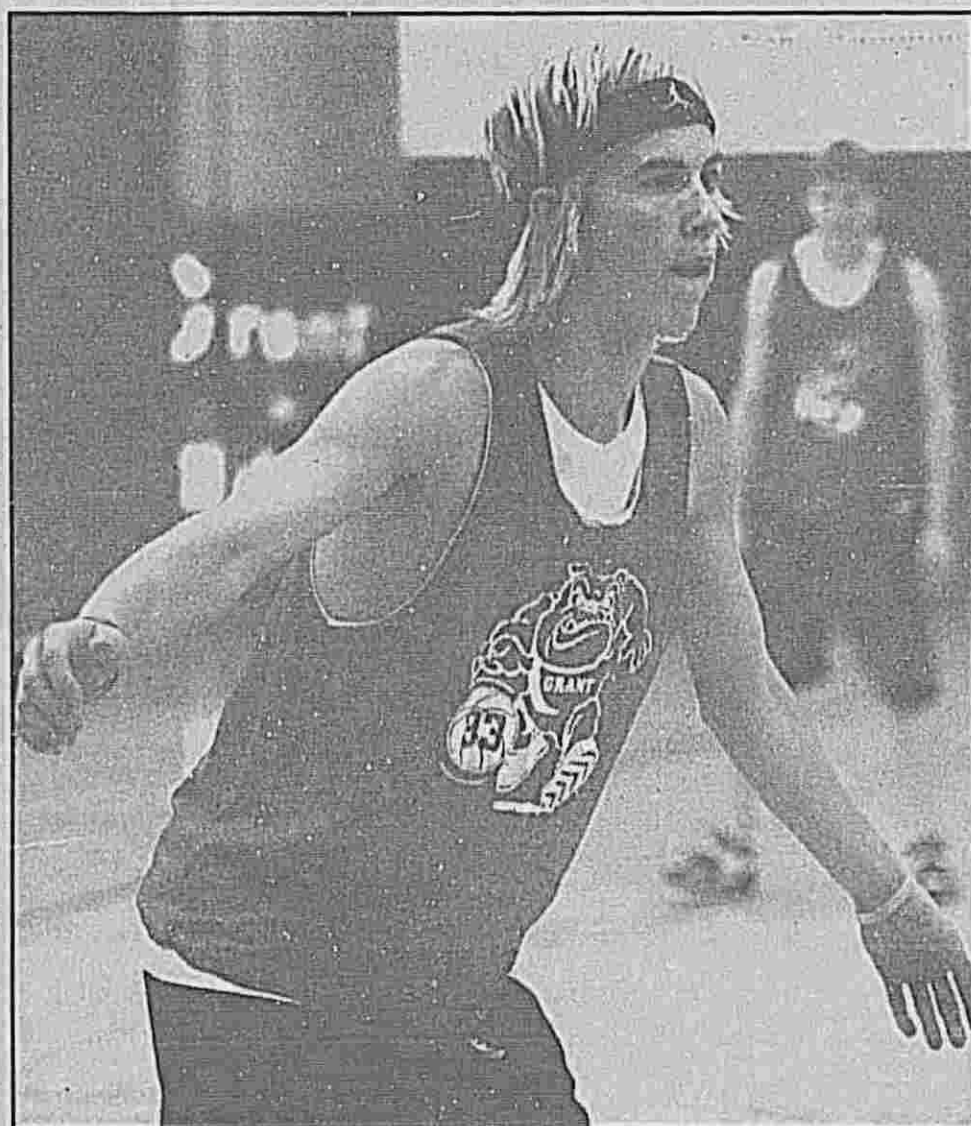
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12/5	7 p.m.	Vernon Hills*
12/9	7:30 p.m.	Wauconda*
12/12	7 p.m.	Johnsburg
12/15	7:30 p.m.	Lakes*
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2/20	7 p.m.	Mundelein

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## Bulldogs have several season strengths



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Grant High School's Zak Jolly works on guarding drills during a preseason practice. Coach Phil Ralston says Jolly's height will help the team this season.

By **STEVE PETERSON**

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Grant's boys basketball team has several things going the Bulldogs' way heading into the 2006-07 season.

One is the height of senior Zak Jolly. The second is the height of senior post player Jake Sparrowgrove. Both are 6-3 post players.

And the third is the scoring of slasher-type player Mike Shields, a junior, who was the No. 3 scorer last year as a sophomore.

"Zak showed flashes of being a good player last year. We hope that he can be more consistent," Grant coach Phil Ralston said. "We hope we can add some size and be the complete package. Sparrowgrove played post last year and he will battle for a starting spot."

Last season, Shields showed he had the ability to drive to the basket. But this season, Ralston would like the 5-10 junior to develop more of an outside shot.

Junior Curtis Oler is another Bulldog to watch this winter.

"He improved the most since

last year, getting stronger and adding an outside shot," Ralston said. "He can score from anywhere on the court."

Ralston is one of those coaches that likes to spread playing time around. Every player must earn his spot on the team.

"Like I told the kids, being a starter is not promised to anyone," Ralston said. "You have to earn it in practice."

Defense also will be in the spotlight for the Bulldogs. Ralston wants his team to limit opponents' scoring and lessen the load on Grant's offense.

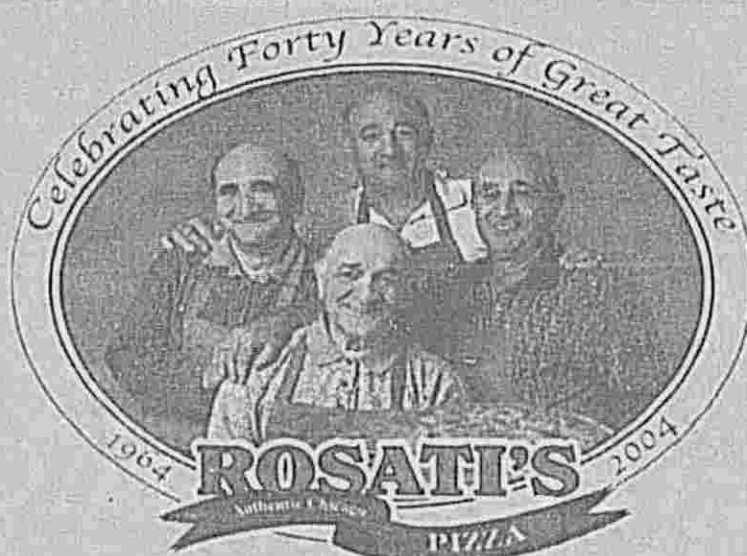
"We get athletes here, and we have had good fortune," Ralston said. "One of our goals is always to hold teams under 50 points. We're not sure yet how deep we will be to go full-court press."

A familiar face will be next to Ralston on the bench this season. Grant's all-time scoring leader, Wayne Bosworth, joins the team as an assistant coach.

"Wayne is a great addition to the staff," Ralston said. "He understands what Grant basketball is all about as anyone who has ever put on a Grant uniform."

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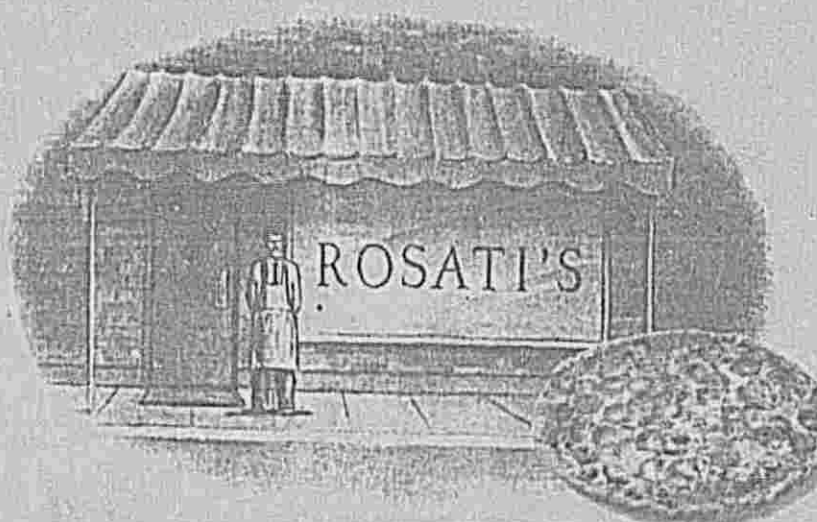
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"We're looking good. This should be the best group I've had in my three years here."

**Jon Baffico**

Carmel varsity boys basketball head coach

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/20	4:30 p.m.	Round Lake*
11/21	4:30 p.m.	Barrington*
11/24	7:30 p.m.	Mundelein*
11/25	6 p.m.	Prarie Ridge*
11/27	7:30 p.m.	Loyola*
12/1	7:30 p.m.	Benet Academy*
12/2	7:30 p.m.	Antioch
12/8	2:30 p.m.	St. Joseph*
12/12	7:30 p.m.	Lakes
12/15	7:30 p.m.	St. Viator*
12/22	7:30 p.m.	Vernon Hills
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1/20	7:30 p.m.	North Chicago
1/26	7:30 p.m.	Joliet Catholic*
2/2	7:30 p.m.	St. Joseph*
2/6	7:30 p.m.	St. Viator*
2/9	7:30 p.m.	Notre Dame*
2/16	7:30 p.m.	St. Patrick*
2/23	7:30 p.m.	Nazareth Acad.*

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*• denotes Mundelein Invitational*

## Carmel looks forward to positive change

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**

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Change is on the way for Carmel basketball fans, and it could not come any sooner for coach Jon Baffico.

In the last five seasons, the Corsairs have been able to muster a .257 winning percentage. But this year's team could change the face of Carmel basketball.

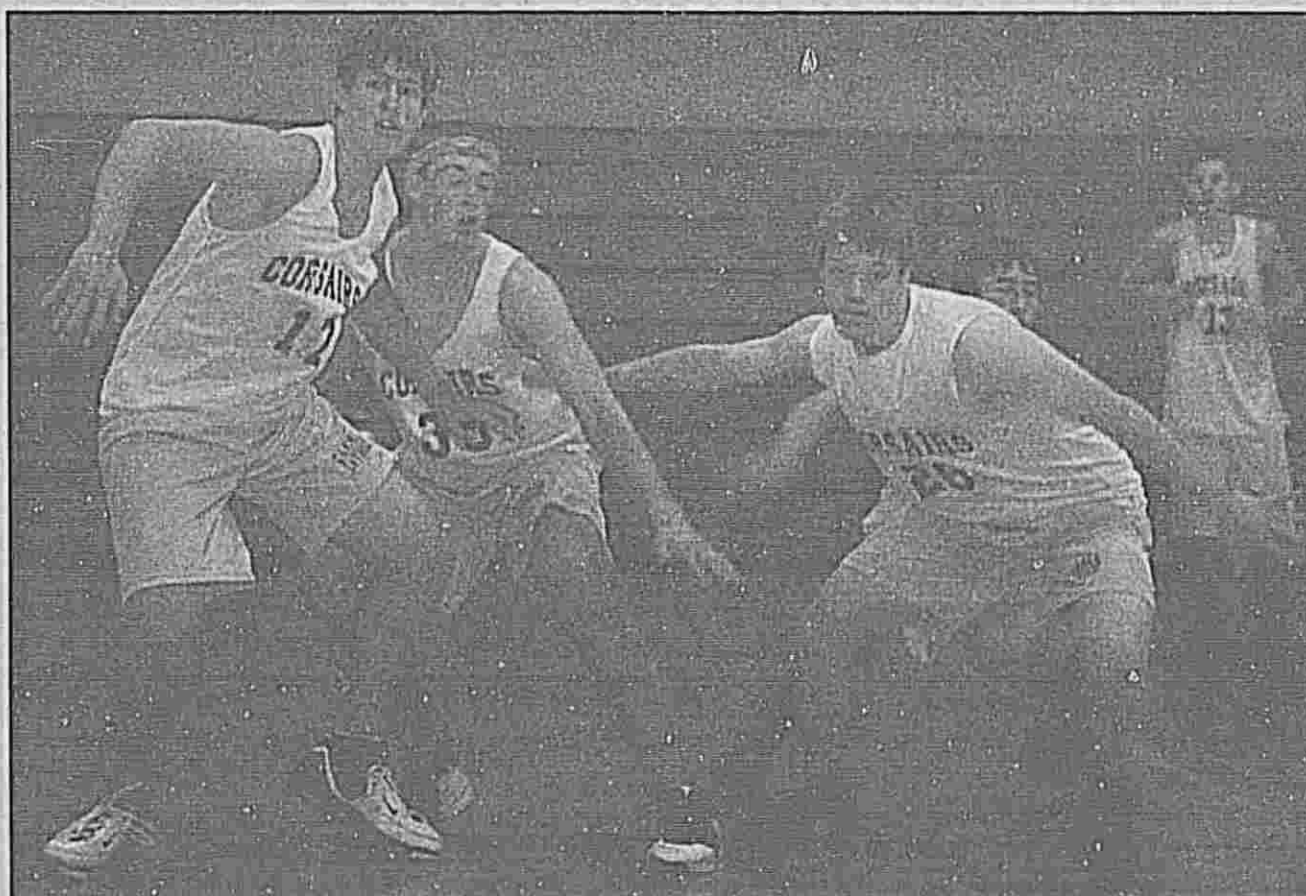
"We're looking good. This should be the best group I've had in my three years here," Baffico said. "The kids have a good energy level, they have good chemistry together, this should be a good team."

Sean Kane will be the Corsairs' No. 1 option. Kane has a high basketball IQ that should help him in his Ivy League basketball career at Brown. Kane averaged 12.8 points per game and is a wicked sharpshooter, racking up 77 three-point baskets and shooting at a 39.5-percent clip.

Kane will receive help up top from Pat Bender, a senior guard who also was impressive from behind the arc, hitting 35 three's last season. Down low, the Corsairs have plenty of size with 6-8 players Matt Eckhart and Robert Brodarick.

"We've got a really good lineup for us this year," Baffico said. "I'm hoping we'll be able to turn this talent into wins. They work hard in practice, and they have talent, so this could be our year."

Marquee games for this season include



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The Carmel varsity boys basketball team works on drills during a preseason practice.

an early match-up with crosstown rival Mundelein, along with East Suburban Catholic Conference games with St. Joseph and St. Patrick.

Carmel basketball has not been so kind to Baffico, as he has amassed a 10-43 record in two seasons at the helm of the program.

However, Baffico thinks it's finally time for the Corsairs to turn some heads.

"My first year here, we only had one win. Last year, we had nine and we should be able to continue to improve on that," Baffico said. "We're going to build ourselves up as much as we can before this season begins."

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"We've got a good, hard-working team, but how that translates into wins and losses remains to be seen."

**Todd Grunloh**

Grayslake North varsity boys basketball head coach

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/21	7:30 p.m.	Johnsburg/R. B. Tourn.
11/22	6 p.m.	Johnsburg/R. B. Tourn.
11/24	6 p.m.	Richmond Burton Tourn.
12/1	7 p.m.	<b>Woodstock</b>
12/5	7 p.m.	Jacobs
12/9	7 p.m.	<b>Cary Grove</b>
12/16	7 p.m.	<b>Crystal Lake S.*</b>
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1/12	7 p.m.	McHenry
1/16	7 p.m.	Lakes
1/20	7 p.m.	Huntley*
1/22	7 p.m.	<b>Prairie Ridge*</b>
1/26	7 p.m.	Grayslake C.*
1/30	7 p.m.	<b>Round Lake</b>
2/2	7 p.m.	Johnsburg*
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*• Grant Holiday Tournament*

# North hopes to ride its work ethic

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**  
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New school, new team, same old philosophy: Work hard and the wins will come.

First-year varsity coach Todd Grunloh hopes he can work his team into a finely tuned machine by the time the regular season rolls around. As for how they're doing thus far, Grunloh believes the Knights' work ethic is right where it should be.

"With no seniors, it's always going to be a challenging year," Grunloh said. "But we've grown a lot since our first year last year [as a sophomore team], and our system is already in place."

"We've got a good, hard-working team, but how that translates into wins and losses remains to be seen."

While no one on his team has had the chance to show their stuff on the varsity level thus far, Grunloh and his staff believe there are a number of players ready to step up. Three of the thoroughbreds Grunloh hopes to ride into the winner's circle are juniors Clay Henrickson, Josh Young and Noel DeLaMar.

"Clay Henrickson is our best



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Grayslake North's varsity boys basketball team scrimmages during a pre-season practice.

bet because he can play on both the inside and the outside. So he'll be playing both guard and forward," Grunloh said. "Josh Young will be playing at center and I expect that he'll be able to beat a lot of other centers down the floor. And Noel DeLaMar is a good leader who really pushes

his teammates."

With his big three, Grunloh hopes to surprise some people in the newly-minted Fox Valley Conference Fox Division. With the addition of Grayslake North, the FVC split into two divisions, the Fox and the Valley. The Fox division will be made up of the

smaller schools, which Grunloh believes will give the Knights an advantage they wouldn't have had if the FVC had stayed as one unit.

Make no mistake, Grunloh and his Knights won't have a free pass in the FVC-Fox. Grunloh expects big challenges from teams such as Johnsburg, Huntley, Prairie Ridge and Grayslake Central.

How does he expect to fight rivals with such a young team?

Knowledge of the game.

"We've got a very intelligent team because when we introduce something, in 5 minutes, they've got it," Grunloh said. "It doesn't just go away either, because in the next practice, they've still got it. And that's huge because it allows us to really break things down and work on what we need to."

Despite the optimism, Grunloh realizes there is still a long way to go with his team.

"We picked up right where we left off last year as sophomores, and we've been having great practices," Grunloh said. "But at the same time, we know that we've just been playing ourselves."

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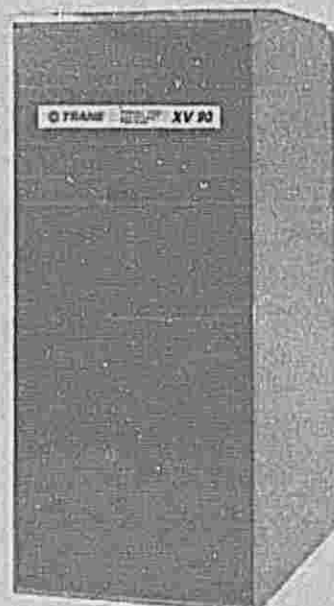
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## GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL RAMS



"The big thing is that we graduated eight seniors who played significant minutes for us last year."

**Tim Bowen**

Grayslake Central varsity boys basketball head coach

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/17	5 p.m.	TBA
11/20	7 p.m.	Highland Park
11/22	7 p.m.	Glenbrook North
11/24	7 p.m.	Lake Forest
11/25	7 p.m.	Antioch
12/1	7 p.m.	Cary Grove
12/5	7 p.m.	Dundee Crown
12/8	7 p.m.	Crystal Lake S.
12/16	7 p.m.	Jacobs
12/19	7 p.m.	Round Lake
12/21	7 p.m.	Libertyville
12/26	TBA	State Farm Classic
12/27	TBA	State Farm Classic
12/28	TBA	State Farm Classic
12/29	TBA	State Farm Classic
1/6	7 p.m.	McHenry
1/12	7 p.m.	Woodstock
1/20	7 p.m.	Johnsburg*
1/22	7 p.m.	Crystal Lake C.*
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## Questions lie ahead for Central Rams

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**

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After a season where everything was a sure thing, Grayslake Central coach Tim Bowen now has nothing but question marks for this year.

Last season, the Rams went 20-8 with a regional championship. But with the departure of a talented Class of 2006, Bowen and his staff are looking toward the future.

"The big thing is that we graduated eight seniors who played significant minutes for us last year," Bowen said. "I guess you could say that we're going to be in a 'rebuilding' mode this year because we've got a lot of sophomores and juniors up [on varsity] who are very inexperienced."

With so many graduations last season, Bowen undoubtedly had his fill of losing players to cardboard hats and tassels. With this class, Bowen won't have to deal with that too much, as forward Mauricio Galarza is the lone senior on the roster.

"Galarza is really going to

have to step up for us and be a leader this year," Bowen said. "We think he can do it. He definitely put in the work over the summer."

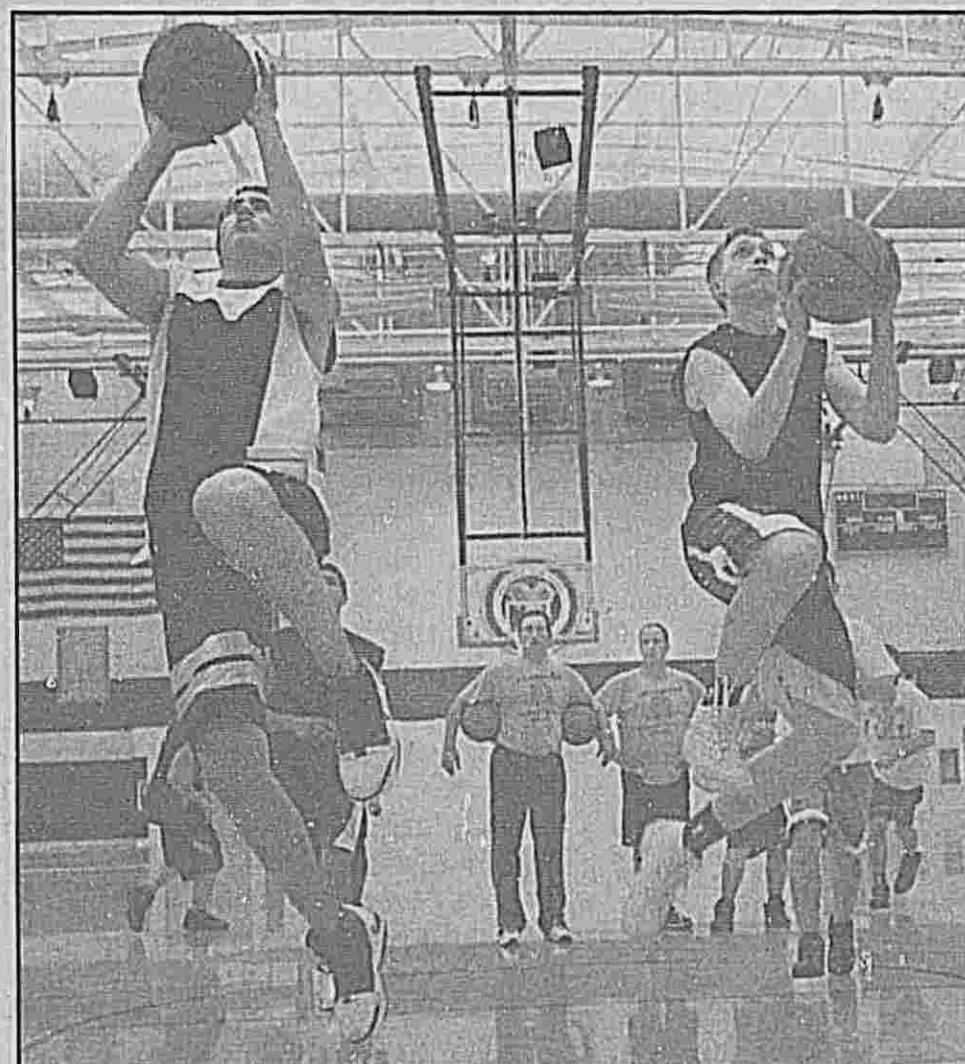
Point guard Mike Brown is a newcomer to the varsity roster, but Bowen believes he has the talent and skill to lead the team.

"We've got a lot of kids who can really shoot this year," Bowen said. "How that translates into wins and losses, I don't know because we've got a really hard schedule. But I know that we'll definitely compete with some teams."

Names like Jarod Zygmunt and Alex Anderson should be pretty familiar to Rams fans by the end of the season.

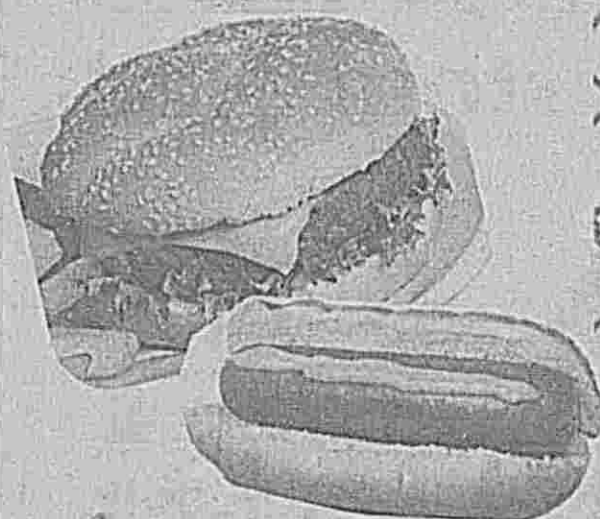
With so many question marks, Bowen and the rest of the Rams faithful can look at it in two classic ways: either the glass is half full or half empty.

"It really depends on how we handle this season," Bowen said. "If we take a licking and we're not going to accept it, this can be a good learning experience. But if there's losing and the kids start to hang their heads, it wouldn't be good."



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Grayslake Central High School's varsity boys basketball team practices a drill during the first week of practice before the start of the 2006-07 season. Last season, the Rams went 20-8 with a regional championship. This season, however, the team is faced with rebuilding, after graduating key players.



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Lakes High varsity boys basketball head coach

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1/11	7 p.m.	Round Lake*
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1/16	7 p.m.	Grayslake North
1/19	7:30 p.m.	Wauconda
1/23	7 p.m.	North Chicago*
1/25	7 p.m.	Grant*
2/2	7:30 p.m.	Antioch*
2/9	7:30 p.m.	Vernon Hills*
2/16	7:30 p.m.	Zion-Benton
2/20	7 p.m.	Warren

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## Strong core to help Eagles find success

Lakes High School ready to prove last year's season did not happen by accident

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**

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Last year, they weren't supposed to do anything.

Last year, they were just the new kids on the block. Last year, the Eagles were just a bunch of underclassmen ripe for the taking.

This isn't last year anymore.

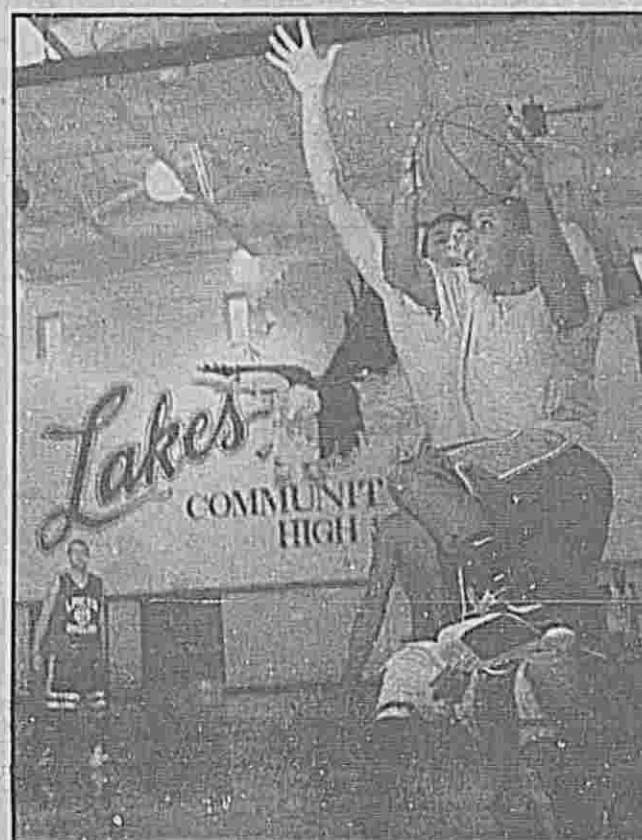
After rattling off a 12-16 record, including a 10-2 stretch, last season as an expansion team, Lakes is poised to make a real splash as coach Brian Phelan's unit sets up with a fully intact roster.

Every member of Phelan's team is back and ready to play, including Jonas Archil, Kevin Lewis and Dan Ronsman.

But every team needs a core group to build around, and with Lakes, it might as well be the core of the sun.

The Lakes duo of Chuck Kempf and Sean Hertz would make a great one-two punch on any roster.

Hertz averaged 18 points, five assists and four boards per game last year, while



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The varsity boys basketball team at Lakes High School plays a scrimmage game during a pre-season practice.

Kempf added 16 points, eight rebounds, which showed that these two seniors can make quite a dangerous tandem.

Add that to Kevin Guirand's 10 points per game, and these guys can score, rebound and pass with the best Lake County has to offer.

"We were the only team around without any seniors, so we definitely had to take our lumps last year," Kempf said. "But now we've got varsity experience, and we always had the work ethic. So we're 10 times better than we ever were last year."

Even though he's not ready to call this team a multiple of last year's roster, Hertz is ready to say that the Eagles are definitely in a better position than where they were a year ago.

"We have every person back, all five starters, everyone," Hertz said. "Practice is going really well, and you can tell that we're a second-year team compared to where we were last year."

"Everyone knows what they're doing and where they need to be, and we should be ready," he added.

Even this early in the season, the Eagles already have a sectional title in their scopes.

Guirand said his team is out to prove that last year wasn't an accident.

"We've got some motivated kids this year that want to achieve," Phelan said. "There are a lot of people out there who want to think what we did last year was just a fluke, and it really made these kids want to work."

"Now, we've got a big chip on our shoulders, and anyone who doesn't take us seriously had better watch out."

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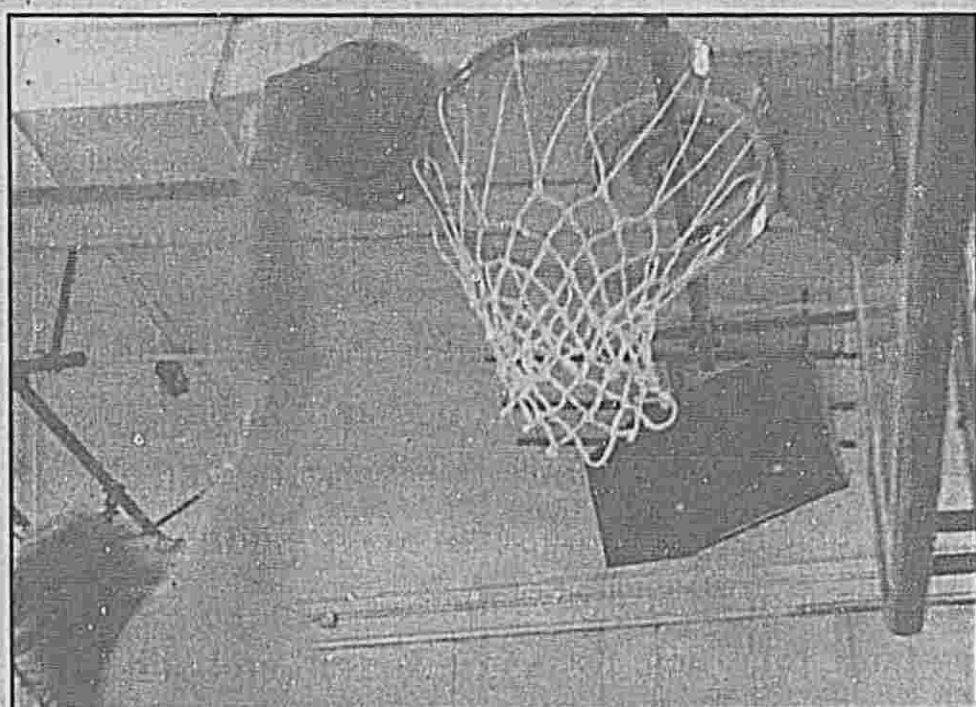
"... I told the kids, 'The harder you work now, the harder to surrender in March.'"

**Scott Bogumil**

Libertyville varsity boys basketball head coach

# Wildcats ready to take next step

## With beginning of new season, Libertyville focuses on regional final



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com  
Matt Gavigan dunks the ball during a Libertyville preseason practice. The teams first game is against Notre Dame on Nov. 20.

By MATT PERA

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The Libertyville boys basketball team has ended each of the last two seasons at the same point in the playoffs – the regional final.

In the 2004-05 campaign, the Wildcats fell to Zion-Benton, 51-50. Last year, their season ended at the hands of Johnsburg, 65-56.

So, of course, the goal this year is to get over that hump and move on to the sectional round of the postseason.

And, even though the 2006-07 season is in its infancy, it never is too early to remind players that it all comes down to March, Libertyville coach Scott Bogumil said.

"Basketball being a tournament sport, that's everything," Bogumil said. "And I told the kids, 'The harder you work now, the harder to surrender in March.' You want to keep just building a good foundation so when the time comes, they're ready to go, and you want [the team] to peak at that point."

The Wildcats boast a solid core of returning seniors, with six expected to be on the roster. Ryan Jennings, a three-year starter at forward, Matt Gavigan, a 6-foot-4 center, and point guard Matt Clark will lead the group, Bogumil said.

Another key contributor will be junior guard Joey Aiello, who played the role of hero last season when he hit the game-winning three-pointer against Grant in the regional semifinals.

While this will be Aiello's first full season on the varsity team, Bogumil said the junior's play in the postseason proved he was ready.

"He's got a little experience, playing those big games down the stretch," Bogumil said. "He might be our best shooter."

The Wildcats will need some new scoring threats, as they lost their best player, Matt Hogan, to graduation.

Hogan, now a walk-on at the University of Dayton, averaged 16.1 points, 4.0 assists and 3.1 rebounds during his senior year, leading Libertyville to a 17-10

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

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11/22	8 p.m.	New Trier
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12/9	7:30 p.m.	Zion-Benton*
12/15	7:30 p.m.	Lake Zurich*
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1/26	7:30 p.m.	Lake Zurich*
2/2	7:30 p.m.	Warren*
2/9	7:30 p.m.	Mundelein*
2/11	TBA	Buffalo Grove
2/16	7:30 p.m.	Lake Forest*
2/17	2 p.m.	Glenbrook North
2/20	7 p.m.	Antioch

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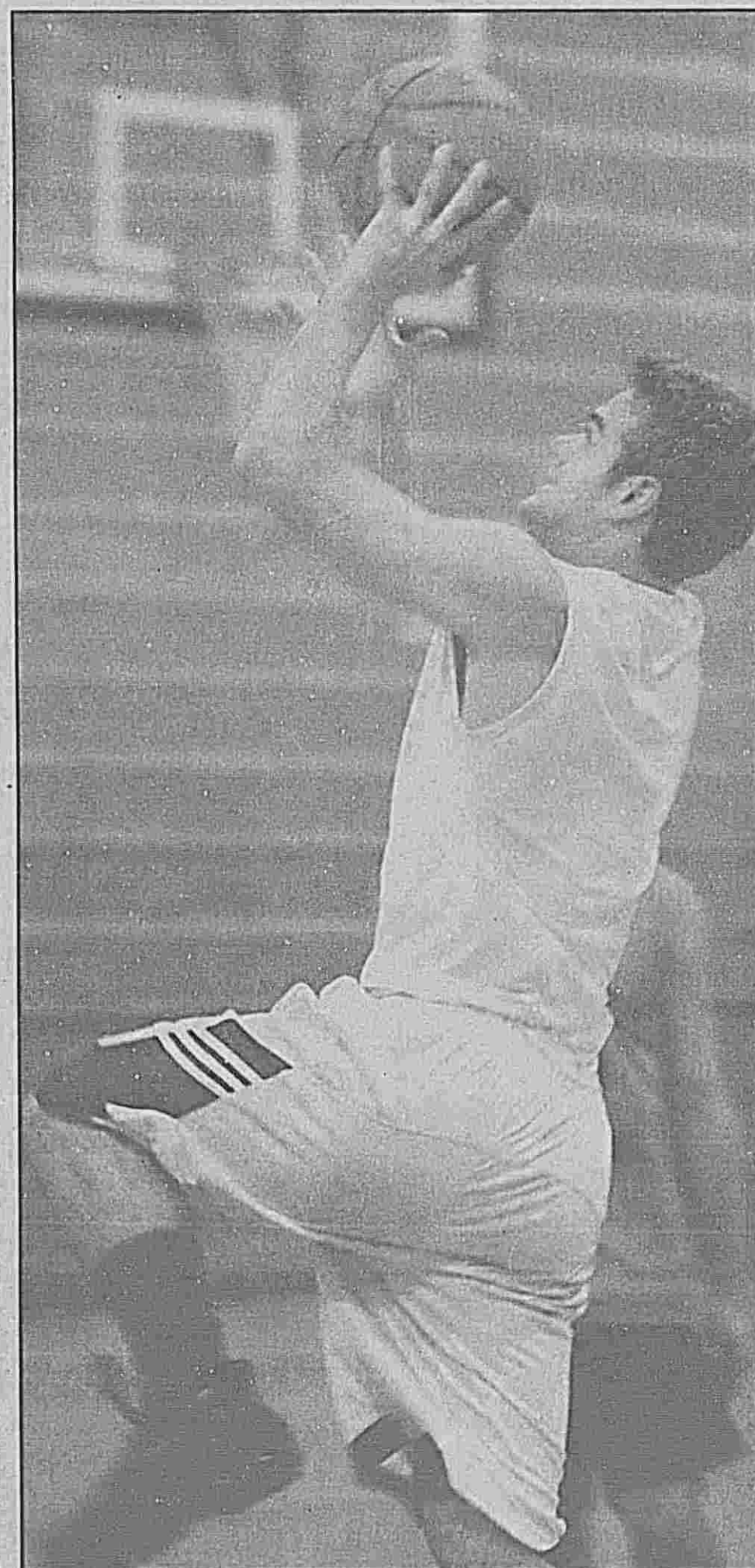
season.

Bogumil said it likely will be a combination of players who step in and fill the void left by the two-time all-area guard.

"We have a lot of good players, but we don't have that go-to guy," he said. "You're not going to replace Matt Hogan, but someone's going to score. It's just a matter of someone emerging eventually."

Bogumil will get his first chance to find out who that someone might be during a Nov. 20 to 23 tournament at New Trier.

The Wildcats will face Notre Dame, Mather, and close out against host New Trier.



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Libertyville's Bobby Boatman shoots a layup during practice.





# MUNDELEIN MUSTANGS



"You stick around practice and you'll see, the intensity level that we have has picked up a lot."

**Dick Knar**

Mundelein varsity boys basketball head coach

## Mundelein leaves last year's injuries behind

By MATT PERA

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Walk through a hallway anywhere near the gym after classes have let out at Mundelein High School, and sounds that indicate basketball season has arrived can be heard.

Sneakers squeaking across the hardwood, players shouting after snatching rebounds out of the air, and, of course, the familiar thud of the ball bouncing, all echo off the walls.

Inside the gym, the Mundelein boys basketball team runs through drills that head coach Dick Knar says indicate his squad's toughness this season.

"You stick around practice and you'll see, the intensity level that we have has picked up a lot," Knar said.

Knar credits that tenacity to the veteran quality the Mustangs boast this year, with four starters, six seniors and eight juniors returning from last season's team.

Mundelein battled through various injuries and several close losses - in eight games, the Mustangs had (and missed) what could have been game-winning shots - to finish with a 6-22 record last year.

But, with a healthy roster this season, Knar anticipates a big turnaround.

The Mustangs expect to get a full season out of junior starting point guard Andy Rochon.

After starting half of his freshman season, Rochon suffered a shoulder injury in the summer heading into his sophomore year, forcing him to miss the first four games of 2005-06.

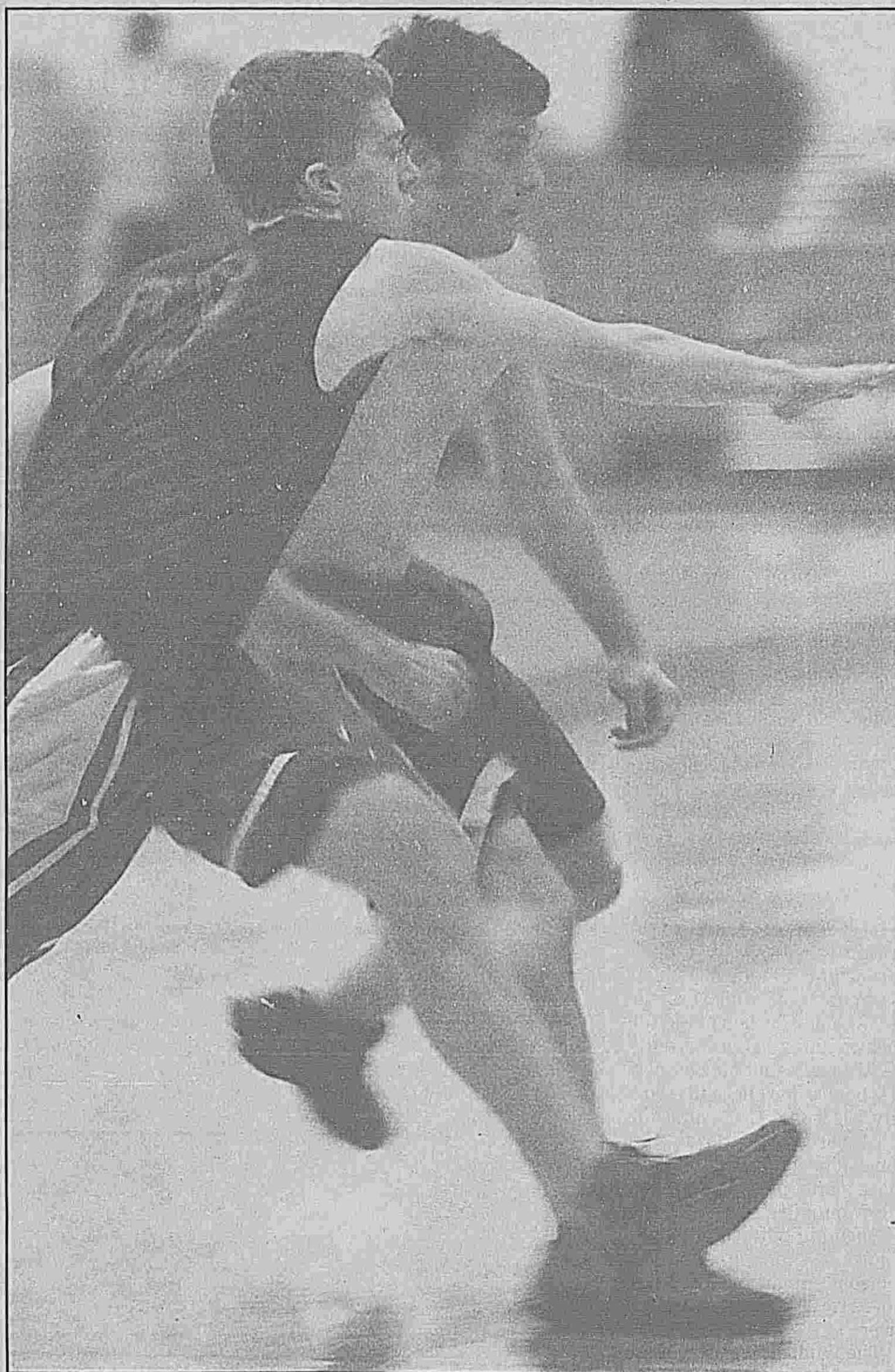
Rochon then started 10 games before injuring the shoulder again, putting him on the sidelines for the rest of last season.

Knar said the entire team will benefit from Rochon's return, citing senior small forward Raffi Mantilla, who led

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/20	7:30 p.m.	Barrington*
11/21	7:30 p.m.	Prairie Ridge*
11/24	7:30 p.m.	Carmel*
11/25	6:30 p.m.	Loyola*
11/27	4:30 p.m.	Round Lake*
12/2	7 p.m.	Galesburg
12/5	7 p.m.	Zion-Benton*
12/9	7:30 p.m.	Lake Forest*
12/15	7:30 p.m.	Warren*
12/16	7:30 p.m.	Stevenson*
12/22	TBA	Jacobs Christ. Tourn.
12/23	TBA	Jacobs Christ. Tourn.
12/26	TBA	Jacobs Christ. Tourn.
12/27	TBA	Jacobs Christ. Tourn.
12/28	TBA	Jacobs Christ. Tourn.
1/5	7:30 p.m.	Libertyville*
1/12	7:30 p.m.	Lake Zurich*
1/13	3 p.m.	Wauconda*
1/17	TBA	Amundson
1/19	7:30 p.m.	Zion-Benton*
1/23	7 p.m.	Lake Forest*
1/27	7:30 p.m.	Warren*
1/28	6:30 p.m.	York
2/2	7:30 p.m.	Stevenson*
2/9	7:30 p.m.	Libertyville*
2/11	3 p.m.	Heights High School
2/16	7:30 p.m.	Lake Zurich*
2/20	7 p.m.	Grant

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Mundelein's Pat Barron and Chris Millner work on a preseason drill.

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Mundelein with 17 points and seven rebounds per game last year, as the player who might gain the most.

"[Rochon's] the best passer and ball handler," Knar explained. "He creates for other people, and we didn't have that last year."

Mantilla, who scored a 34 on his ACTs, signed a letter of intent to play for Yale next year.

Knar cited other key returning players this season as senior forward Inder Singh and his brother, junior forward Navjot Singh, along with senior guard Chris Millner and junior forward Anthony Gianaras.

Mundelein opens its season hosting the Mustang Thanksgiving Tournament from Nov. 20 to 27.





## ROUND LAKE PANTHERS



"We continue to work hard every day, and we hope to have the team at a high level for this year."

**Jeremy Fisher**

Round Lake varsity boys basketball head coach

# New leadership to guide Panthers

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/21	TBA	Mustang/Skyhawk Tourn.
11/22	TBA	Mustang/Skyhawk Tourn.
11/24	TBA	Mustang/Skyhawk Tourn.
11/25	TBA	Mustang/Skyhawk Tourn.
11/27	TBA	Mustang/Skyhawk Tourn.
12/1	7:30 p.m.	Lakes*
12/5	7 p.m.	Antioch*
12/15	7:30 p.m.	Wauconda*
12/16	7:30 p.m.	North Chicago*
12/19	7 p.m.	Grayslake C.
12/23	TBA	Jacobs Christ. Tourn.
12/26	TBA	Jacobs Christ. Tourn.
12/27	TBA	Jacobs Christ. Tourn.
12/28	TBA	Jacobs Christ. Tourn.
12/29	TBA	Jacobs Christ. Tourn.
1/11	7 p.m.	Lakes*
1/12	7:30 p.m.	Vernon Hills*
1/16	7:30 p.m.	Wheeling
1/19	7:30 p.m.	Antioch*
1/23	7 p.m.	Warren
1/27	7:30 p.m.	Wauconda*
2/6	7 p.m.	Elmwood Park
2/9	7:30 p.m.	Grant*
2/16	7:30 p.m.	Vernon Hills*
2/20	7 p.m.	Stevenson

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\* denotes East Suburban Catholic Conference Division game

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**  
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Regime changes never are easy, but with three different coaches in four years, Round Lake boys basketball fans have probably become used to them.

Jeremy Fisher takes over the reigns of the Panthers, having served as a sophomore coach with Round Lake for the past five years, after the departure of former coach Mark Petrynek.

Despite the latest coaching change, Fisher insists it wasn't difficult for either himself or the players.

"I've coached these guys at lower levels, so there was no rough transition period," Fisher said. "We continue to work hard every day, and we hope to have the team at a high level for this year."

Returnees Jaquan Glover, Jerome Brown and Eric Watts provide the nucleus for Fisher.

"We're going to be a tough defensive team," Fisher said. "We should have a lot of guys contributing for us this year. We have high expectations and we expect guys like Joey Diaz



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Round Lake High School's varsity boys basketball team runs a practice drill before the season begins.

and Tommy Davis to really step up for us."

From the players' perspective, the Panthers are tired of looking up at the rest of the competitors in the Prairie Division. While there were significant strides made last season, an 8-19 mark is considered

just a starting point for the team.

"We want to win and be over .500 this season. I can guarantee you that we won't be [8-19] anymore," Glover said. "We just need to work hard and do what we have to do, and we should have a lot better season this

year."

Other Round Lake varsity team members include Terrence Nelson, Mike Mpokota, Javier Martinez, Mario Cordova, John Nicoline, Brian Young, Patrick Langston, John Narvasa, Jordan Vega and Eric Green.

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## VERNON HILLS COUGARS

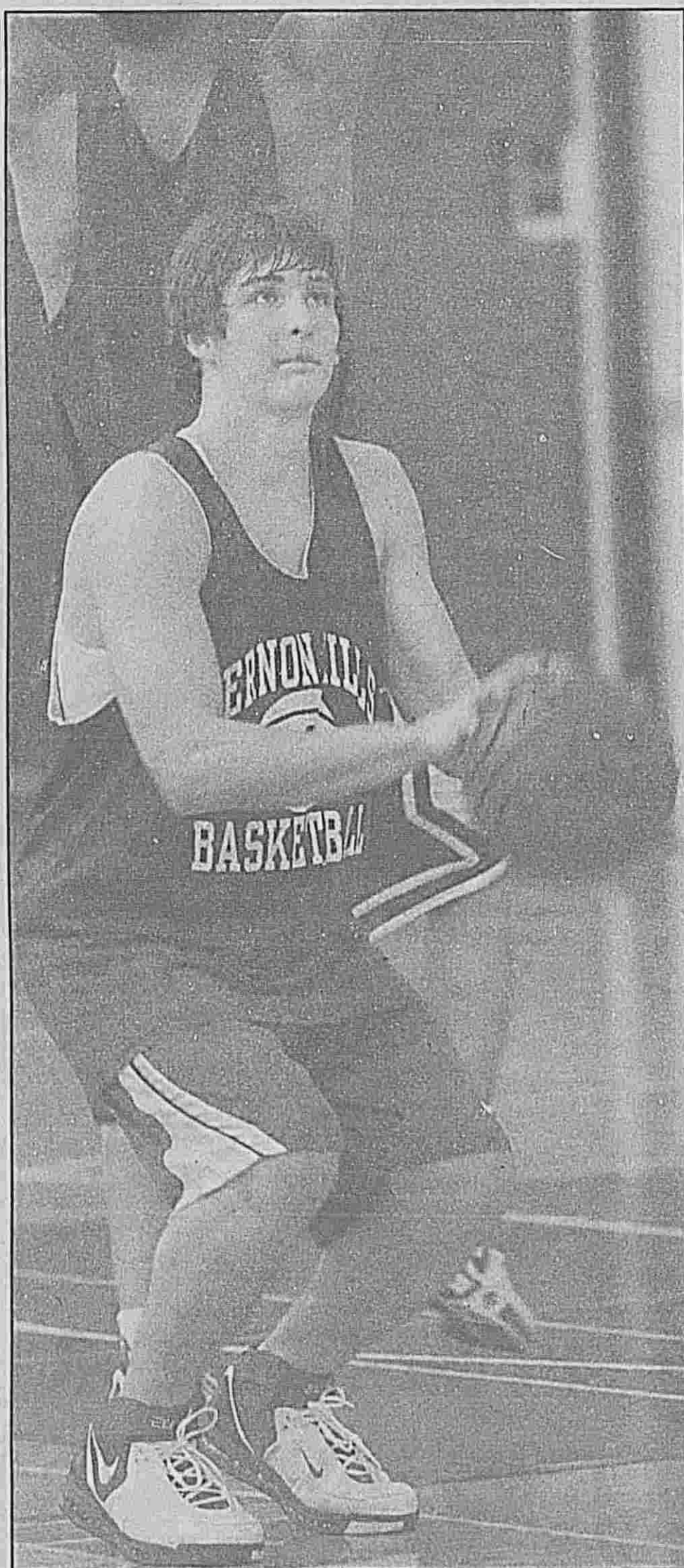


"A few years ago, we knew that this was the class that could get us over the hump."

**Matt McCarty**

Vernon Hills varsity boys basketball head coach

# Despite roster change, Vernon Hills moves on



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Vernon Hills' Erik Magnus concentrates on a shot during practice.

## Fundamental defense, three-point baskets crucial for Cougars' season

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**

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Coaches can do all the strategic work, but no matter how much planning one person does, there are just some things that can't be accounted for.

Just three weeks before the season began, Jeff Short moved to Michigan.

But even with the unexpected loss, Vernon Hills coach Matt McCarty and his Cougars are poised to make this season one to remember.

How does he expect to win his way into the memories of the Vernon Hills faithful? The answer lies in a nice mixture of fundamental defense and a heaping helping of three-point baskets.

"A few years ago, we knew that this was the class that could get us over the hump," McCarty said. "Senior Tommy Bahnick is our biggest scoring threat; he hit 52 three's last year for a school record. The only thing with him is getting him to be more consistent. Last year, it was pretty much feast or famine with Bahnick, and we're hoping to turn that around."

One chess piece that opposing coaches certainly didn't plan for is the return of 6-foot-4 center Brad Mahrenholz. Mahrenholz is returning after missing most of last season because of an injury.

"Brad only played two games as a junior," McCarty said. "But when he was playing as a sophomore, he had a really nice surge, and at the four and five positions, he should be able to do some nice things for us."

Other players McCarty is counting on include 5-10 senior Kevin Hencier, who, like Bahnick, should provide an outside shooting threat. McCarty said Hencier also is

very good at handling the ball, which could translate into more of a slasher role.

Point guard Drew Catanzaro is one of Vernon Hills' most tenured basketball players, with three years on the varsity squad. Catanzaro, a sharp-shooting defensive specialist, should be eager for playing time after coming off the bench last season.

The Cougars have even more weapons at their disposal with senior forwards Erik Magnus and Joe Nierstheimer, along with junior Kenny Rideout on the horizon for the team.

But perhaps the real strength of the team lies in its intangibles.

"This is a group that has a real sense of pride, even after coming off a five-win season," McCarty said. "I think we have some guys who really got some good experience because of injuries last year."

"Now we have those guys back, and we have guys with more experience, so I think we should be in great shape for this season," he added.

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/21	8 p.m.	Northridge Prep Tourn.
11/22	6 p.m.	Northridge Prep Tourn.
11/24	6 p.m.	Northridge Prep Tourn.
11/25	TBA	Northridge Prep Tourn.
12/1	7:30 p.m.	North Chicago*
12/5	7 p.m.	Grant*
12/9	7:30 p.m.	Antioch*
12/15	7:30 p.m.	Stevenson
12/16	7:30 p.m.	Wauconda*
12/23	2 p.m.	Carmel
12/27	TBA	Wheeling Hard. Classic
12/28	TBA	Wheeling Hard. Classic
12/29	TBA	Wheeling Hard. Classic
12/30	TBA	Wheeling Hard. Classic
1/5	6 p.m.	Lakes*
1/6	7:30 p.m.	South Elgin
1/12	7:30 p.m.	Round Lake*
1/13	7 p.m.	North Chicago*
1/19	7:30 p.m.	Grant*
1/23	7 p.m.	Antioch*
2/2	7:30 p.m.	Wauconda*
2/6	5:30 p.m.	South Elgin
2/9	7:30 p.m.	Lakes*
2/10	7:30 p.m.	Palatine
2/16	7:30 p.m.	Round Lake*
2/17	7 p.m.	Highland Park
2/20	7 p.m.	Lake Zurich

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*Prairie Division game*  
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*Tournament*



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Vernon Hills basketball team listens to the coaches' instructions.





## WARREN BLUE DEVILS



"We're guardedly optimistic because we have a lot of hard-working guys who could step up for us."

**Chuck Ramsey**

Warren varsity boys basketball head coach

# Warren looks to follow up last year's run

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/22	TBA	Bartlett Invite.
11/24	TBA	Bartlett Invite.
11/25	TBA	Bartlett Invite.
12/1	7:30 p.m.	Zion Benton*
12/5	7 p.m.	Lake Zurich*
12/9	7:30 p.m.	Hoffman Estates
12/15	7:30 p.m.	Mundelein*
12/16	7:30 p.m.	Libertyville*
12/22	7:30 p.m.	Lake Forest*
12/28	TBA	Pontiac Tourn.
12/29	TBA	Pontiac Tourn.
12/30	TBA	Pontiac Tourn.
1/12	7:30 p.m.	Stevenson*
1/19	7:30 p.m.	Lake Zurich*
1/20	7:30 p.m.	Zion-Benton*
1/23	7 p.m.	Round Lake
1/27	7:30 p.m.	Mundelein*
2/2	7:30 p.m.	Libertyville*
2/3	7:30 p.m.	Evanston
2/9	7:30 p.m.	Lake Forest*
2/10	7:30 p.m.	New Trier
2/16	7 p.m.	Stevenson*
2/17	6:15 p.m.	Loyola
2/20	7 p.m.	Lakes

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Lake Division game*

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Never mind last season. This year, Warren's boys basketball team is ready to make its own mark on the Blue Devils record books.

After putting up a 28-3 record and a sectional championship last year, Warren coach Chuck Ramsey is ready to create even more waves this winter.

"I'm optimistic. I have some high expectations for this group," Ramsey said. "We're guardedly optimistic because we have a lot of hard-working guys who could step up for us."

Ramsey is basing his hopes on the talented trio of Ceola Clark, Shannon Adams and Logan Derrick. Aside from scoring about 24 points per game, the three players possess big-game experience that should be helpful to the Blue Devils this year.

"They've played against some of the most competitive games that you can ever see," Ramsey said. "They've played Simeon at Pontiac, they've played in sectionals, they've played in super-sectionals and they know what that's like."



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Warren's boys basketball team performs drills. Last season the Blue Devils went 28-3 and won sectionals.

Big games aren't the only things the trio knows about, as they have seen almost everything that opponents can throw their way. Clark is going into his fourth year on the Blue Devils' varsity squad, while both Adams and Derrick are heading into their third year with the team.

However, what should really

worry opponents is the players Ramsey has around this nucleus of stars.

Julian Jones, a 6-foot-6 senior, should give the Blue Devils a nice presence underneath the basket. Matt Mose will give Warren some more height at 6-3. Another option down low is 6-10 senior Jamie Canty.

Seniors Jeremy Robinson, Josh Moss and Larry Farmer all are experienced players that the Blue Devils can build around.

"I would say the team is not as explosive [as last year's 28-3 squad], but they're longer, taller, have more reach, and maybe a little more shooting," Ramsey said.



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## WAUCONDA BULLDOGS



"I like a competitive practice. No positions on the team are guaranteed."

**Rich Wolf**

Wauconda varsity boys basketball head coach

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/21	TBA	Johnsburg/R.B. Tourn.
11/22	TBA	Johnsburg/R.B. Tourn.
11/24	TBA	Johnsburg/R.B. Tourn.
11/25	TBA	Johnsburg/R.B. Tourn.
11/28	7 p.m.	McHenry
12/5	7 p.m.	Lakes*
12/9	7:30 p.m.	Grant*
12/15	7:30 p.m.	Round Lake*
12/16	7:30 p.m.	Vernon Hills*
12/23	TBA	Jacobs Tourn.
12/26	TBA	Jacobs Tourn.
12/27	TBA	Jacobs Tourn.
12/28	TBA	Jacobs Tourn.
12/29	TBA	Jacobs Tourn.
1/5	7:30 p.m.	North Chicago*
1/9	7 p.m.	Marengo
1/12	7:30 p.m.	Antioch*
1/13	3 p.m.	Mundelein
1/17	7 p.m.	Carmel*
1/19	7:30 p.m.	Lakes*
1/23	7 p.m.	Grant*
1/27	7:30 p.m.	Round Lake*
2/2	7:30 p.m.	Vernon Hills*
2/9	7:30 p.m.	North Chicago
2/13	7 p.m.	Richmond-Burton
2/16	7:30 p.m.	Antioch*
2/20	7 p.m.	Lake Forest

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*\* denotes North Suburban Conference  
Prairie Division game*

# Bulldogs set to meet expectations

By STEVE PETERSON

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No word intimidates coaches like "rebuilding." But that's one word that Wauconda boys basketball coach Rich Wolf plans to hit head-on.

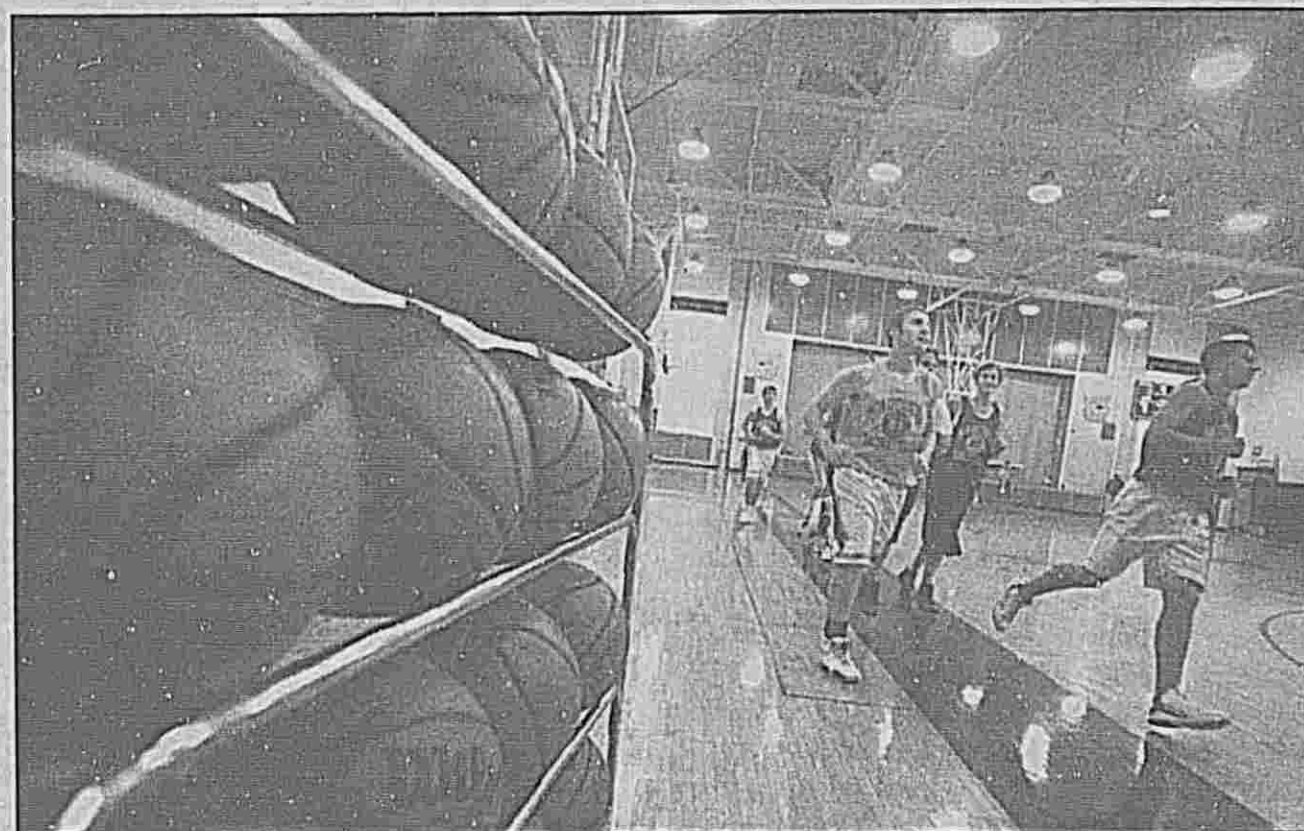
After the graduation of a talented senior class last season, Wolf has to remake the Bulldogs in a new image.

"We lost a lot of players from last year, but we have eight or nine guys, some of whom saw very significant time as sophomores last year," Wolf said.

With the trio of Kris Gehrke, Ed Stewart and Tim Schwarz gone, so goes the core of one of the most successful rosters in Wauconda's history. But now, a new group is ready to take its place and make an 18-win season a norm rather than an exception.

Even without the presence of Gehrke, Stewart and Schwarz, the Bulldogs are not without experience. Returnee Steve Blisko tallied 12 points a game and may play more wing this year, while Eric Grozavescu and football standout Brad Wisniewski both return. Grozavescu and junior Jordan Hylen look to fill key roles.

"I like a competitive practice. No positions on the team are guaranteed," Wolf said. "Depending on the matchups, we could go seven or eight or nine to 10 deep during a game."



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Wauconda High School's varsity boys basketball team warms up during the beginning of practice as they prepare for the upcoming season.

Some key games for Wauconda are early on, as the team competes in the Johnsborg Thanksgiving Tournament, but will play its games at Richmond-Burton this year as the tournament has gone to a two-site format.

"I like [the new format]; it gives us a chance to see more teams," Wolf said. "The

Jacobs Tournament comes at mid-season, and that is when you should be ready to step up against the Fox Valleys and the [Mid Suburban] teams."

Jan. 13, 2007, is the date that Wauconda and Mundelein will square off at the United Center in Chicago.



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## WAUKEGAN BULLDOGS



"These kids know our system because they've been playing it ever since they started."

**Al Rogers**

Waukegan varsity boys basketball head coach

# Waukegan centers around tradition

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/22	7:30 p.m.	Bartlett Tourn.
11/24	6 p.m.	Bartlett Tourn.
11/25	4:30 p.m.	Bartlett Tourn.
12/1	7:30 p.m.	Deerfield
12/2	7:30 p.m.	North Chicago
12/5	7:30 p.m.	Glenbrook South*
12/8	7:30 p.m.	Niles West*
12/9	7:30 p.m.	Lane Tech
12/15	7:30 p.m.	New Trier*
12/16	7:30 p.m.	Rockford Auburn
12/22	7:30 p.m.	Evanston*
12/23	TBA	Elgin Tourn.
12/25	TBA	Elgin Tourn.
12/27	TBA	Elgin Tourn.
12/28	TBA	Elgin Tourn.
1/11	7:30 p.m.	Maine South*
1/13	7:30 p.m.	Lakes
1/19	7:30 p.m.	Glenbrook South
1/20	7:30 p.m.	Libertyville
1/26	7:30 p.m.	Niles West*
2/2	7:30 p.m.	New Trier*
2/9	7:30 p.m.	Evanston*
2/16	7:30 p.m.	Maine South*
2/21	7:30 p.m.	Niles North

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Conference South Division game*

By DANIEL J. PATRICK  
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New year, new coach – same old approach?

That's the way Waukegan Bulldog basketball will be played this season with the arrival (or promotion, in this case) of first-year coach Al Rogers. Rogers served as an assistant coach until the departure of Brian Colbert earlier this year.

This year, Rogers is taking the age-old, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" approach. After four straight regional championships and two sectional championships in the last three years under Colbert, Rogers might be on to something.

"These kids know our system because they've been playing it ever since they started," Rogers said. "Our program started achieving success when they were in the eighth grade, so they don't remember when we weren't winning. They know they have something to live up to."

"It's going to be the same words, just a different voice," Rogers added.



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Waukegan basketball players work out the kinks with some jumping jacks before a preseason practice.

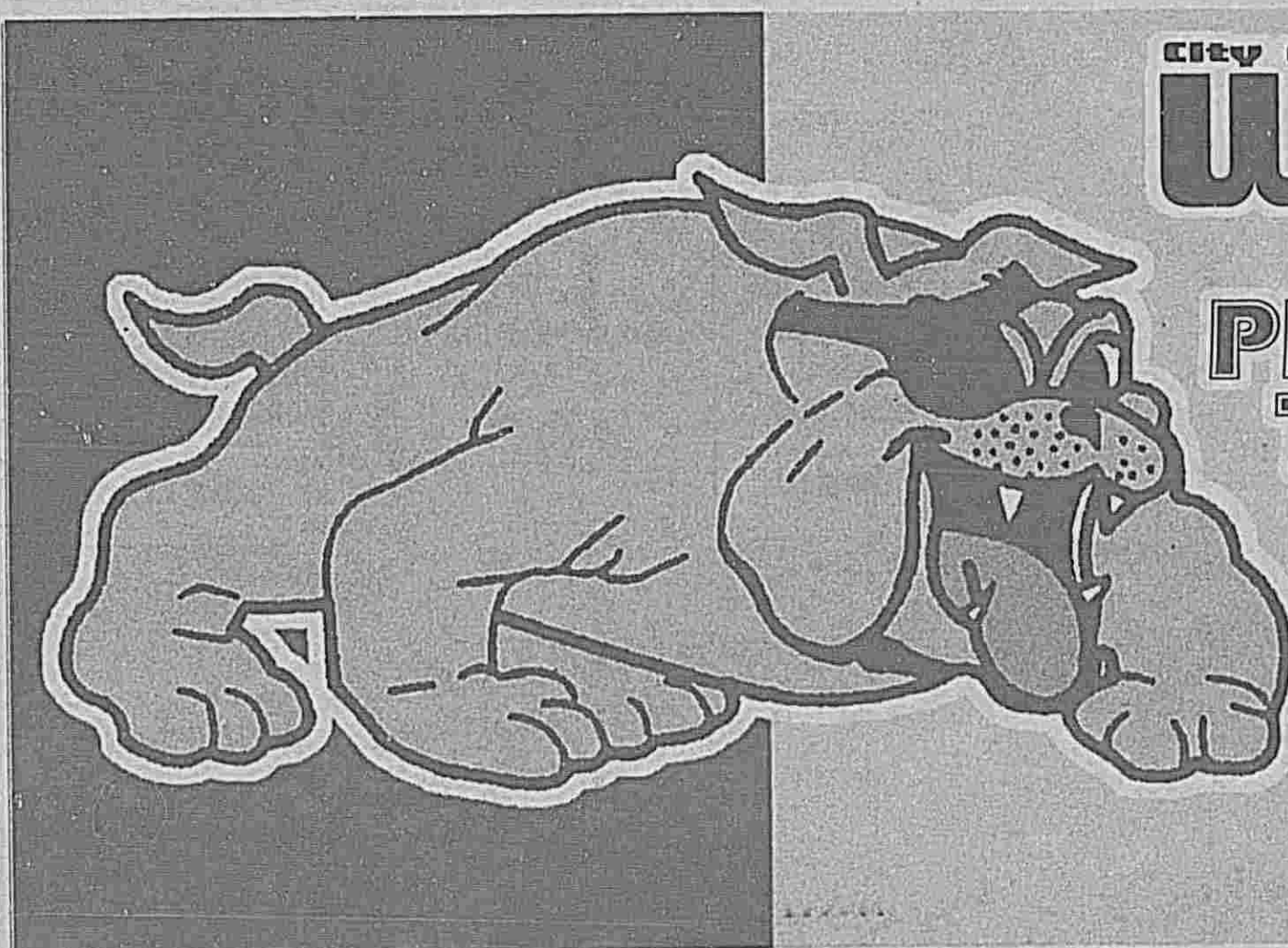
With an old-school coaching style, Rogers intends to mold a young, but talented roster. Players such as Reggie Thomas, Ed Rickert and Josh Nickerson have been patiently waiting their respective turns behind tal-

ented Bulldogs from years past.

"We're young, but we're very, very athletic," Rogers said. "We've got a lot of god-given quickness, and that will be our strength ... We don't have one superstar like we've had before, but

we've got a number of players that can hurt you."

If there's any advice Rogers has for any perspective opponents, it's the same thing the Bulldogs have been warning for years: "Don't overlook us."



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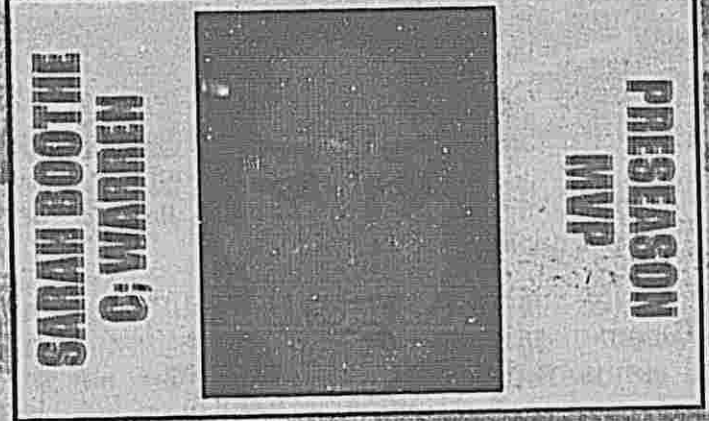
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## ANTIOCH SEQUOITS



"We've got a hard working group. We're always tough defensively."

**Don Zeman**

Antioch varsity girls basketball head coach

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12/8	7 p.m.	Vernon Hills
12/15	7 p.m.	North Chicago*
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1/6	2:30 p.m.	Wauconda*
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*Tournament*

# Sequoits look to continue success

By STEVE PETERSON

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As the saying goes, it's not how you start a 25-game basketball season, but how you finish it that counts.

"We normally, in the past, have finished seasons pretty strong," Antioch girls basketball coach Don Zeman said.

The most recent case in point was last year. Antioch battled North Chicago to overcome a 12-point, fourth-quarter deficit to win, 53-52, in a regional clash at home. It gained Antioch a 15-win season and a better-than-.500 record for the first time in 10 years. But the likes of the senior group have graduated, leaving the team to try and continue its newfound success.

"We are coming off a real good season; we had five seniors who jelled," Zeman said. "Now we are real inexperienced. We hope that we will have leaders, but we are not sure who they will be yet."

Back after seeing some playing time are 6-foot senior Kyle Sisler, who missed last year because of an ACL injury, but played on the varsity as a sophomore; Meryl Weber, a 5-4 guard who can run the floor well; and Tabitha Barnes, a 6-1 senior in her second year on the varsity.

"We've got a hard working group," Zeman said. "We're always tough defensively."

Antioch is preparing for its season opener Nov. 18 against Prairie Ridge in the Johnsburg/Mundelein Tournament.



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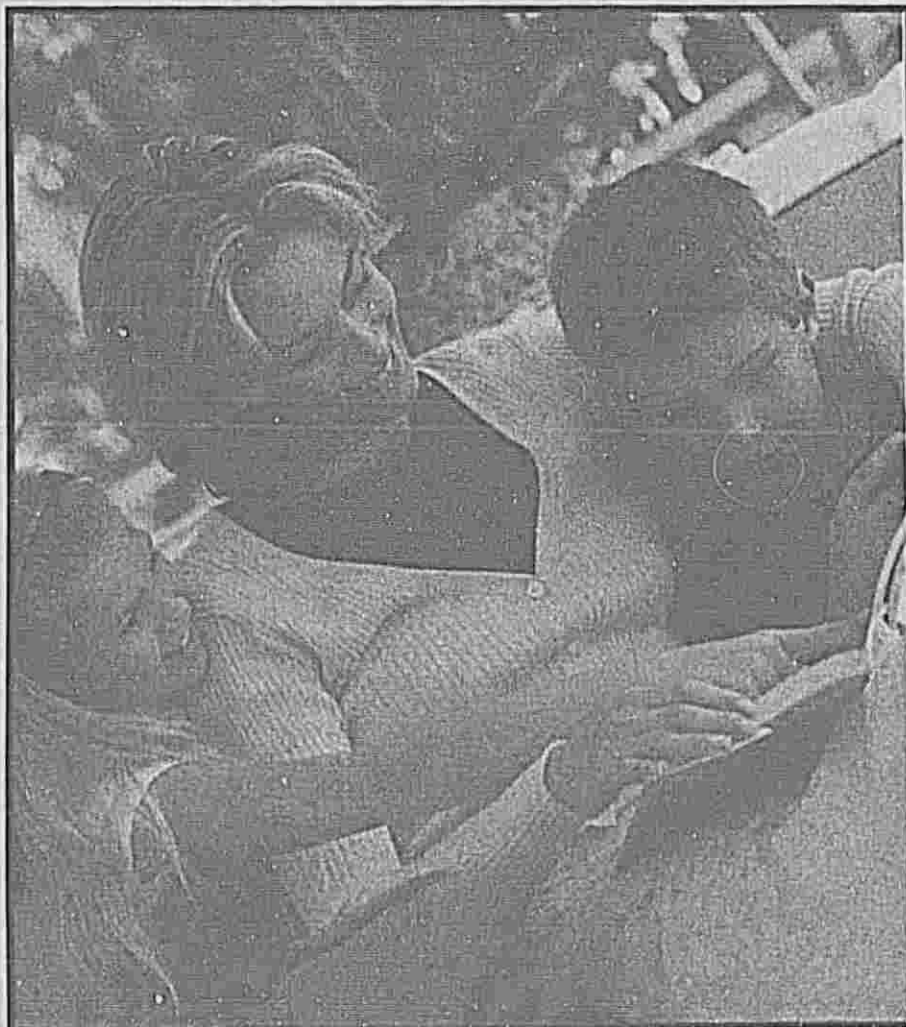
Coach of the Antioch varsity girls basketball team, Don Zeman, talks to his players after practice before the week of the season's opening games.

"Right now, we're not worrying about other teams, just ourselves," Zeman said. "You try and get the critical points of the playbook in."

Zeman said it would be a good accomplishment for his team to have another year above .500. It also would be the winning season as girls head coach.

As for the split between Antioch and Lakes, the Sequoits have been the more competitive school so far, but Zeman said that some effect has been seen on the lower levels.

Antioch was 8-4 in North Suburban Conference Prairie Division play, good for third place last year, and the squad hopes to do that or better this year.



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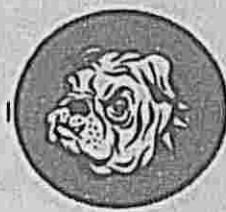
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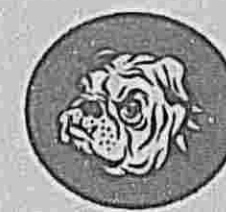
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## GRANT BULLDOGS



"The offense should be pretty balanced as we attack the basket."

**Tom Oeffling**

Grant varsity girls basketball head coach

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11/21	TBA	Deerfield Invite
11/24	TBA	Deerfield Invite
11/25	TBA	Deerfield Invite
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12/12	7 p.m.	Lakes*
12/19	7 p.m.	Round Lake*
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12/22	TBA	McHenry Hol. Tourn.
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1/8	7 p.m.	Wauconda*
1/9	7 p.m.	Antioch*
1/13	7 p.m.	Vernon Hills*
1/20	2:30 p.m.	Lakes*
1/23	7 p.m.	St. Charles East
1/26	7:30 p.m.	Lakes Forest
1/30	7 p.m.	Round Lake*
2/3	2:30 p.m.	North Chicago*
2/6	7 p.m.	Mundelein

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# Grant ready to defend last year's title

## Senior starter returns after sidelined last year

By **STEVE PETERSON**

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Becka Gonyo, a Grant High School senior, had planned to play basketball and volleyball last year, but when she was sidelined when was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS), a virus that effects muscle strength.

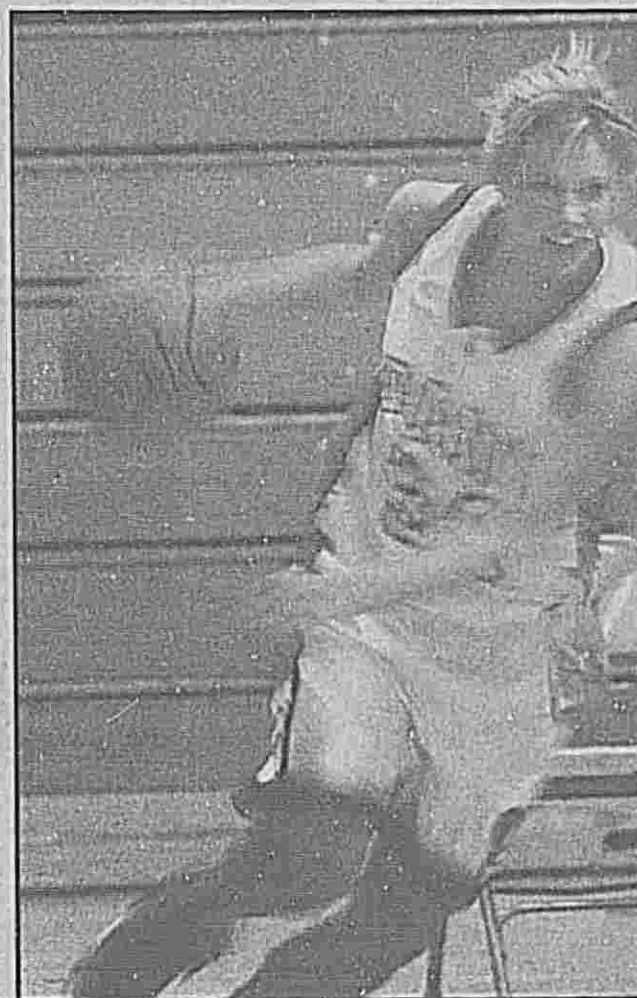
The Bulldog is all smiles now, as she prepares for drills in a preseason basketball practice. Her recovery was sufficient enough to gain clearance for volleyball season, and the 6-4 Gonyo helped contribute to a 21-win season.

"Learning how to walk again was the hardest part and to learn to put one foot in front of the other and maintain balance. It is a virus, so it can effect any age," Gonyo said.

Gonyo leads a roster full of height.

Juniors Autumn Gaylor and Bailey Wagner are both 6-feet tall.

Gonyo is looking forward to helping Grant defend its North Suburban Conference Prairie title this winter.



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Grant Community High School's Ashley Arff drives toward the basket during last season.

"It is exciting. It is like I haven't played for five years. I hope we can go further as a team than anyone in school history," she

said, again with that constant optimism.

"She is so athletic and she jumps well," Oeffling said.

Gonyo's future, though, is in volleyball. She will attend Marquette University in Milwaukee next year. "They have a beautiful campus, and just joined the Big East Conference, so they'll be coming up."

The Bulldogs are, as usual, a deep squad, coming off of a 22-8 season of a year ago. They made the NSC title game, but lost to Warren.

Jamie Swanson is back after scoring 11 points and grabbing 6.5 rebounds per game last year.

"The offense should be pretty balanced as we attack the basket," Grant coach Tom Oeffling said.

Kariann Hill and Nikki Staton are back to guide the offense from the guard slots. Both missed games last year due to injuries.

The Bulldogs, winners of the last three of four division titles, have been pointed to as an NSC Prairie favorite, but Oeffling knows others are out there to knock them off.

"Round Lake is a much improved team, and I have a lot of respect for coach Gary Edge," Oeffling said.

Grant opens the season against Elgin, before the five-game Deerfield tournament.

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"Last year was a rebuilding year, and while we're still rebuilding to a degree, I believe that we're deeper now than we've ever been before."

**John Ryan**

Carmel varsity girls basketball head coach

# Flexible roster adds up for Carmel

Player mixture allows Corsairs' team versatility

By DANIEL J. PATRICK  
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Corsair fans, the rebuilding is finally over.

Unlike last season, coach John Ryan has a nice mixture of players from every class. With four seniors, six juniors and five sophomores, from a freshman team that went 24-0 last season, the Corsairs should be pretty tough this season.

Senior veterans Sara Waddelow, Caitlin Trevillyan, Katie Herdmann and Erin Heathermann will be headlining this year's team.

However, they will be getting plenty of help from underclassmen, such as Erin Glogovsky, Caitlin Hendricks and Aubrey Simmons.

As for last year's undefeated freshman team, sophomores Genny Arnold, Jenna Korte, Lauren Lehecky and Kelcey Traynoff will all be logging valuable minutes for the Corsairs this year.

During summer games, Ryan said he substituted entire lineups rather than one or two players because of the versatile the Corsair roster.

For opponents, such interchangeability could mean endless match-up problems.

"We'll be playing by committee," Ryan said. "I think we'll be playing up to 12 kids in a game. We don't have that one, two or three players to really carry the load."

With such a flexible roster, Ryan is looking forward to seeing just what his team will do this year.

However, given the strength of the East Suburban Catholic



Carmel's Aubrey Simmons (left), of the Carmel girls basketball team looks to pass the ball during an interteam basketball game before the team's first game.

Conference, with three top-10 teams such as Fenwick, Marist and Marian Catholic, the Corsairs will be tested early and often.

"I'm enthused about what we can do this year," Ryan said. "Last year was a rebuilding year, and while we're still rebuilding to a degree, I believe that we're deeper now than we've ever been before."

That's quite a mouthful, especially given the quality some of the Corsair teams that have passed through the school in recent years.

Last season was the only losing record in Ryan's seven-year tenure and now with a fully-intact roster, it could be his last.

"It's a great group, and now they have experience," Ryan said. "They went 28-13 over the summer, 6-1 in the fall league, and they're kids that all got game experience last year."

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11/22	6 p.m.	Mustang/Skyhawk Tourn.
11/25	TBA	Mustang/Skyhawk Tourn.
12/5	7 p.m.	Ressurrection*
12/6	7 p.m.	Joliet Catholic*
12/9	2:30 p.m.	St. Viator*
12/12	7 p.m.	Prospect
12/16	2:30 p.m.	Bishop McNamara
12/21	TBA	Blue Devil Classic
12/22	TBA	Blue Devil Classic
12/23	TBA	Blue Devil Classic
12/27	TBA	Blue Devil Classic
12/28	TBA	Blue Devil Classic
1/4	7 p.m.	Zion-Bention
1/6	2:30 p.m.	Rich South*
1/12	7:30 p.m.	Nazareth Academy*
1/13	2:30 p.m.	Lane Tech*
1/16	7 p.m.	Highland Park
1/20	2:30 p.m.	Providence*
1/24	7 p.m.	Marion Catholic*
1/27	2:30 p.m.	Benet Academy
2/3	2:30 p.m.	Marist*
2/7	6:30 p.m.	St. Ignatius*

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John Ryan, head coach of the Carmel varsity girls basketball team, talks to his players during an interteam basketball game before the season opener.

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## GRAYSLAKE NORTH KNIGHTS



"Our motto this year is 'No senior, no excuses.' Basically we're going to approach this season with the mindset that we're going to be competitive."

**Jim Sarver**

Grayslake North varsity girls basketball head coach

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12/2	7 p.m.	Woodstock
12/6	7 p.m.	Jacobs
12/8	7 p.m.	Cary Grove
12/9	11:30 a.m.	Marengo
12/11	7 p.m.	Richmond
12/13	7 p.m.	Crystal Lake S.
12/14	5:30 p.m.	Harvard
12/15	7 p.m.	Dundee Crown
12/14	3 p.m.	Woodstock
1/5	7 p.m.	McHenry
1/9	7 p.m.	Huntley
1/13	7 p.m.	Prairie Ridge
1/16	7 p.m.	Grayslake C.
1/19	7 p.m.	Johnsburg
1/22	7 p.m.	Lakes
1/23	7 p.m.	Crystal Lake C.
1/27	7 p.m.	Huntley
1/30	7 p.m.	Prairie Ridge
2/1	7 p.m.	Round Lake
2/3	7 p.m.	Grayslake C.
2/5	7 p.m.	Johnsburg
2/9	7 p.m.	Crystal Lake C.

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*• Richmond Burton/Woodstock Tournament*

# No seniors, no excuses for North

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**  
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If there's been anything that's been constant in the Grayslake North world, it's been the word "new." With a school that just opened a year ago and varsity teams entering competition for the first time, "new" is a pretty good way to describe things.

However, North girls basketball coach Jim Sarver insists that just because his Knights are new, doesn't mean they're new to the sport of basketball.

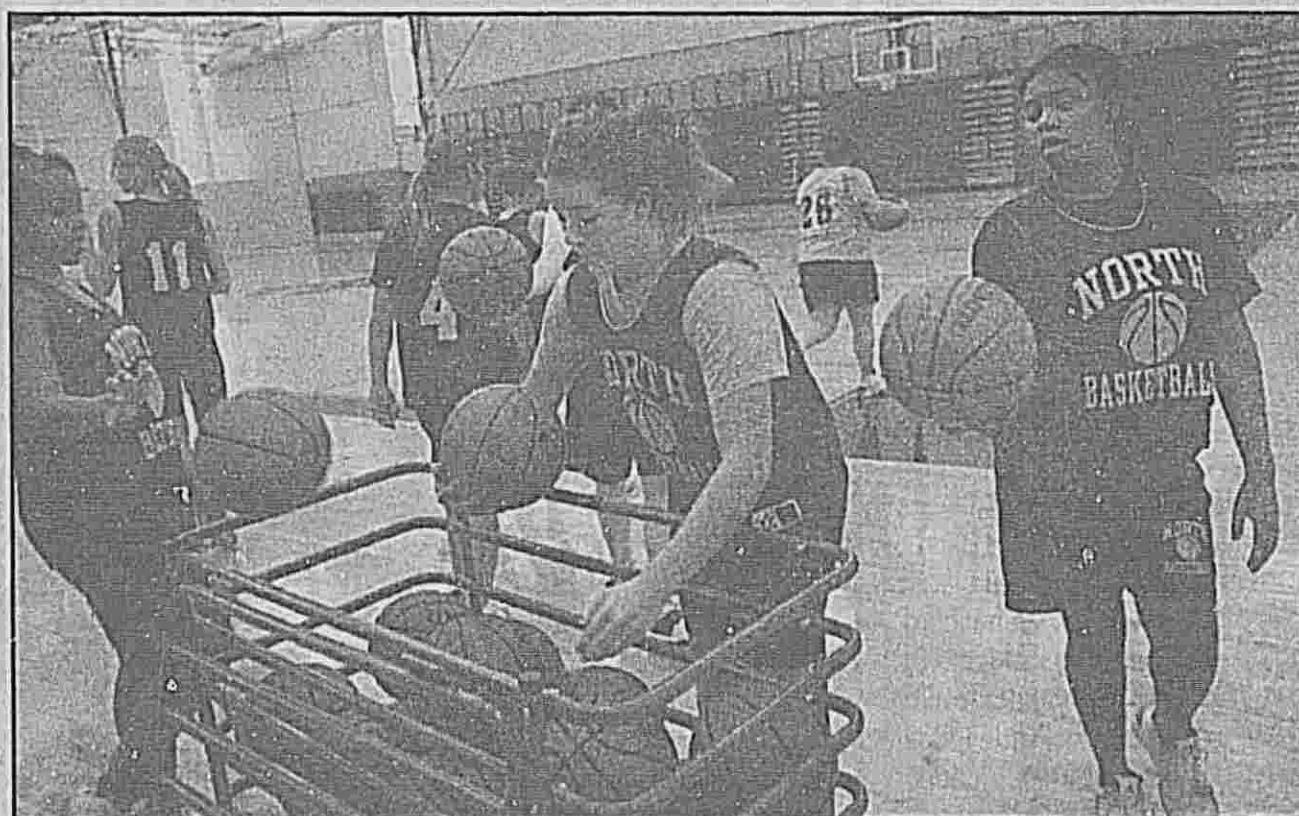
"Our motto this year is, 'No seniors, no excuses,'" Sarver said. "Basically, we're going to approach this season with the mindset that we're going to be competitive."

How does Sarver and his assistant, Troy Harper, expect to push their team into contention? The answer to that question lies in two words that coaches love: hard work. Sarver is coaching with a good old fashioned man-to-man defense, with the hopes of out-hustling the competition.

With 13 years of varsity coaching under his belt, Sarver already has more time at the helm of a high school program than many tenured coaches at the surrounding schools.

"I've built programs before, I've made offensive and defensive schemes at other schools and they've bought into it," Sarver said.

Three of North's elite players are Elizabeth Phillips, Hilary Kuhl and Alex



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Grayslake North's varsity girls basketball team puts away their basketballs at the end of their last practice before the season starts. The Knights begin the season at the Mustang/Skyhawk Tournament.

Lowry. Luckily for the Knights, all three possess different skills that complement each other nicely.

Phillips will be playing at point guard, but at 5-9, she is bigger than many at the point guard position, which should allow her to drive to the basket and rebound better than most guards. Phillips will be getting help on the wing from the sharpshooter

Kuhl, while Lowry, a 6-1 post player, gives an inside presence to the Knights. She also has the ability to move better than most centers.

Another player who should turn heads on the Knights roster is Natalie Barczyk. "The building blocks should be ready with this group and they're ready to compete," Sarver said.

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## GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL RAMS



"I think we're a pretty strong team, and we're pretty deep."

**Steve Schreiner**

Grayslake Central varsity girls basketball head coach

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# Experience is driving force for Rams

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**  
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It's a cardinal rule that every few years, the stars align and create amazing things for basketball coaches. For Grayslake Central Ram's coach Steve Schreiner, this might be his year.

After taking charge of a program in transition a year ago, Schreiner returns with an experienced, talented core. Grayslake's experience comes from seniors Kara Ming, Colleen Centella, Lauren Trentadue and Kelly Washington.

An explosive scorer, Ming led the team with 15 points per game, while Washington, Centella and Trentadue displayed their talents on both sides of the floor. With so many talented returnees, the Rams are one of the lucky teams with the ability to hurt you from all sides.

"All of them are great kids and really great players," Schreiner said. "Those four [Ming, Centella, Trentadue, Washington] are really the core of the team because they've been up on varsity for quite a long



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Kara Ming, of the Grayslake Central girls varsity basketball team, practices with her teammates during a preseason practice at the school.

time. We're excited."

Grayslake's coach isn't the only one who's excited about this year's prospects. Ming is fully aware that this is her final season in a Ram uniform, and she wants to make this season one to remember for everyone.

"This is our year to make it happen and this is our last year that we can make it happen,"

Ming said. "We've all got that extra drive, and we've been working really hard in practice. We want it so badly. We've wanted it since we were playing fifth grade travel ball together."

Other Ram seniors include Amy Beck, Lydia Coddens and Vuki Mandich, who all give Grayslake Central even more depth at every position. In addition

to his battle-tested veterans, Schreiner has a few youngsters who could make an immediate impact. Sophomores Megan LeBaron and Katelynn Putkonen should be able to provide some quality minutes for the Rams.

"Both [LeBaron and Putkonen] are really quality kids," Schreiner said. "Those two, to be up with a varsity team that has been together for so long, you have to be mentally tough and those two have got it."

With so many possible weapons, the Rams should be able to take out opponents with their versatility more than anything.

"That's the nice thing about this team is that one day, one kid will score a lot and the next day, it's someone else," Schreiner said. "They're really unselfish; they don't care who scores, they just want to win."

"I think we're a pretty strong team, and we're pretty deep," Schreiner said. "We're deep all the way through our lineup. In the summer, we were playing 12 or 13 [players] a game, and they all were holding their own ... I am just thrilled with this team."

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## LAKES EAGLES



# Lakes looking for better results in second season

Fully-intact roster to help Eagles earn first win

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After finishing with an 0-28 record in the first season of the program, the Lakes Eagles didn't get much of a warm welcome from opponents.

However, with a fully-intact roster back and ready to go, it looks as though the Eagles are ready for their second try.

Seniors Kathleen Gilva, Chaz Stipetic, Melissa Neuman and Katie Whitehurst will be leading the team. While Lakes will get plenty of leadership from the senior foursome, a majority of the scoring duties will most likely fall on the shoulders of 6-1 junior Mandy Schellinger.

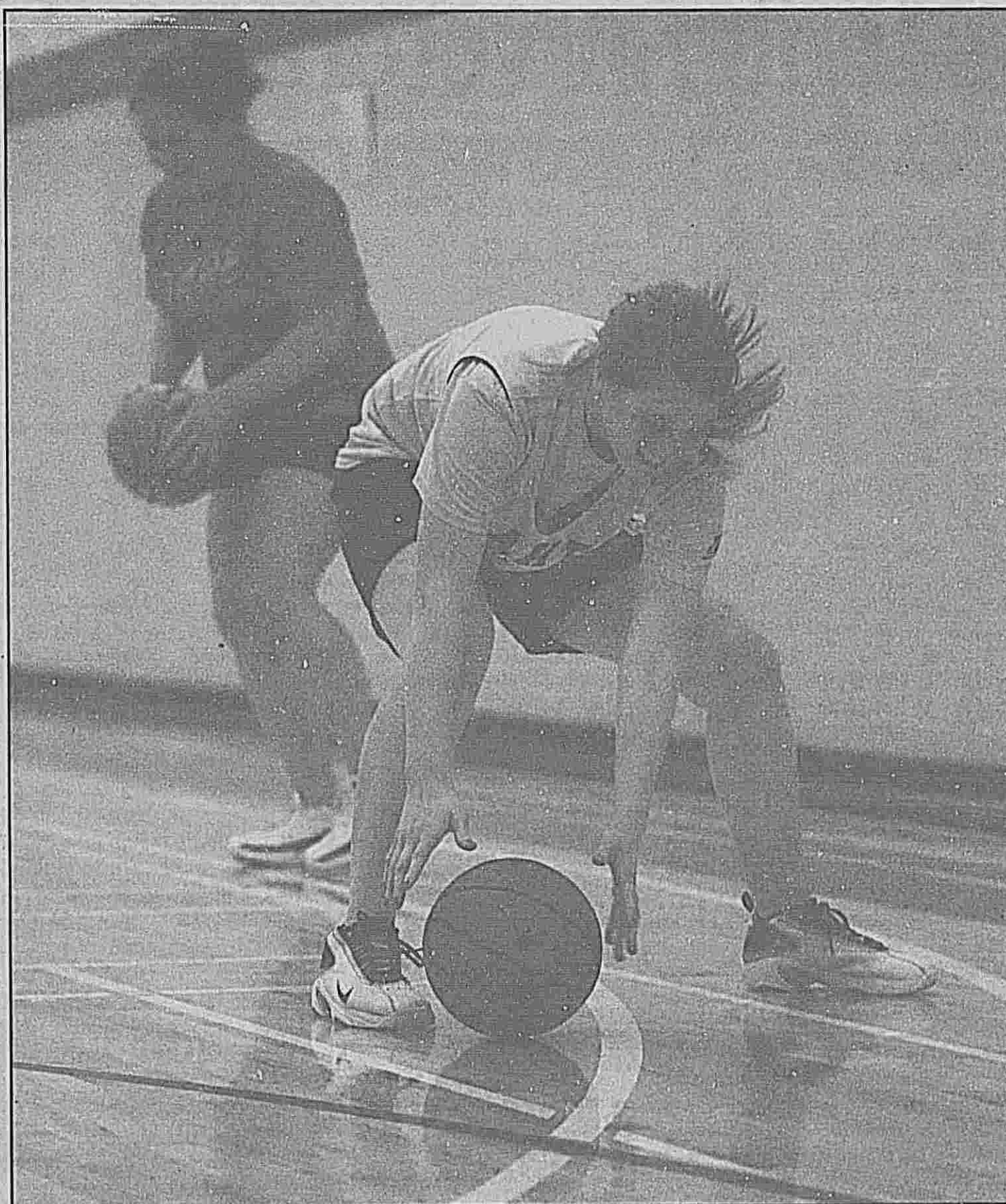
Schellinger was an All-North Suburban Conference honorable mention last season and should be hungry for her first win in a Lakes jersey. Schellinger will get scoring help from Gilva and junior guard Nora Kenney.

Another player that logged significant minutes last season is sophomore swing player Jillian O'Malley. As a freshman, O'Malley got plenty of experience and could be someone coach Eric Vichnick can look to in the future. Junior Jessie Yorko also got plenty of experience as a sophomore in 2005-06.

Other Lakes players include juniors Kimmy Smith, Nickie Folinazzo, Heather Speck, Keshia Cunningham and 6-foot center Sarah Spicer. Eagle sophomores include Simone Hobbs and O'Malley.

As a part of the Prairie Division, Lakes will have to go up against elite teams like the Grant Bulldogs while former teammates on the Antioch Sequoits will make for an interesting match-up as well.

With a complete roster returning from last season, Lakes is poised to turn things around this winter.



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Lakes' Kathleen Gilva runs for the ball during preseason drills at practice.



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Basketballs overflow a cart in a gymnasium before players arrive for practice.

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1/27	7 p.m.	Plainfield North
1/30	7 p.m.	Vernon Hills*
2/2	6 p.m.	Antioch*
2/6	7 p.m.	Warren
2/9	7 p.m.	Lake Forest

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Lakes' Kathleen Gilva concentrates on drills during practices.





## LIBERTYVILLE WILDCATS



"We're a little behind ... but this is a group that's been together for a long time, so they pick up things pretty quickly."

**Kathie Swanson**

Libertyville varsity girls basketball head coach

# Wildcats look for veteran leadership

## New coach brings in new philosophy

By MATT PERA

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It took a while, but the Libertyville's girls basketball team finally is intact.

With four girls on the volleyball team, and a few others battling through minor injuries and illness, first-year head coach Kathie Swanson was forced to use several players from the sophomore team in practices during the first few weeks of the season.

But, after the volleyball team fell to Barrington in the Warren Supersectional on Nov. 6, Swanson finally had a full squad at practice Nov. 7, less than a week before the Wildcats' first regular season game.

"It's been a little challenging," Swanson said.

Swanson said she would be putting a good deal of faith into veteran leadership, with several seniors returning from last year's 21-9 team that lost to Warren, 45-39, in the sectional semifinals.

"We're a little behind ... but this is a group that's been together for a long time, so they pick up things pretty quickly," Swanson said.

Four seniors expected to offer considerable contributions will be forwards Carol Kruckman and Kali Feiereisel, and guards Mimi Savatic and Ally Yarc.

Those players will have to step up this season, Swanson said, as Libertyville lost all-conference player Kelli Goodwin and all-area Brenna Bohl to graduation.

The team also will have to adjust to the philosophy of

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/13	7:30 p.m.	Prospect
11/17	5:45 p.m.	Glenbrook North
11/18	6 p.m.	Deerfield
11/21	3 p.m.	Waukegan
11/24	1:15 p.m.	Niles West
11/25	Noon	Highland Park
11/28	7 p.m.	Stevenson*
11/30	7 p.m.	Grayslake C.
12/2	2:30 p.m.	North Chicago*
12/5	7 p.m.	McHenry
12/8	7:30 p.m.	Zion-Benton*
12/12	7 p.m.	Lake Zurich*
12/16	2:30 p.m.	Warren*
12/19	7 p.m.	Mundelein*
12/26	TBA	Dundee Crown Invite
12/27	TBA	Dundee Crown Invite
12/28	TBA	Dundee Crown Invite
12/29	TBA	Dundee Crown Invite
1/11	7 p.m.	Zion-Benton*
1/18	7 p.m.	Stevenson*
1/20	7 p.m.	Lake Zurich*
1/23	7 p.m.	Lake Forest*
1/26	7:30 p.m.	Warren*
1/27	4 p.m.	St. Ignatius
1/30	7 p.m.	Mundelein*
2/3	2:30 p.m.	Lake Forest*
2/6	7 p.m.	Antioch

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*\* denotes North Suburban Conference Lake Division game*

Swanson, who coached the Wildcats' freshman team last year and is currently a social studies teacher at Round Lake High School.

She said the team would still focus on attacking the basket, but would be running sets different from those of former coach Amy Holtsford, who resigned after last season.

"They're coming into a new system with me," Swanson said. "Some girls are behind because of volleyball, injuries, sickness. So we'll have to see how that first game goes. But I expect them to be behind a little bit."

The Wildcats opened their season on the road Nov. 13 against Prospect. The score was not available as of press time.



Wildcat center Carol Kruckman faces a teammate during practice.

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## MUNDELEIN MUSTANGS



"I think we should be able to get up and down the floor better than we did last year, and I think we're a lot deeper this year than last year."

**Brian Evans**

Mundelein varsity girls basketball head coach

# Mundelein looks to rebuild team

## Seniors expected to step up

By MATT PERA

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At first glance, the Mundelein Mustangs girls basketball team's roster might convey a recipe for a rebuilding year.

There is youth (two freshman, one sophomore) and inexperience (four juniors in their first year of varsity).

Mundelein also lost two all-conference players to graduation (Shara Swager and Kristin Hecht) from a team that went 15-11 and lost, 76-44, against Warren in the regional final.

But, with a combination of young, unknown talent and senior leadership, could people be writing this team off a bit prematurely?

"That's what we're hoping," Mundelein head coach Brian Evans said. "When you graduate two all-conference players from a team that won 15 games, teams are looking at us like, 'Wow, the cupboard is bare.' That's OK, I'd rather have that than have a target ... on our back. I'm not expecting teams to take us seriously."

However, maybe they should.

While Swager and Hecht shouldered the bulk of the scoring last season, the Mustangs do return senior forwards Stefanie Withrow and Becca Mahar, along with junior point guard Samantha Panitch, all three of whom were starters.

Evans said he expected that trio to step up offensively.

"They have to score points this year," he said. "Samantha [Panitch] is going to have to take the role that Shara [Swager] left, and Stefanie [Withrow] is going to have to take over the role that Kristen [Hecht] left."

The Mustangs also will have two coaches' kids contributing this year. Evans' daughter,

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/18	7:30 p.m.	Grayslake N.
11/22	7:30 p.m.	Carmel
11/17	TBA	Mustang/Skyhawk Tourn.
11/18	TBA	Mustang/Skyhawk Tourn.
11/22	TBA	Mustang/Skyhawk Tourn.
11/25	TBA	Mustang/Skyhawk Tourn.
11/28	7 p.m.	Wauconda*
12/2	7 p.m.	Zion-Benton*
12/5	7 p.m.	Palatine
12/8	7:30 p.m.	Lake Forest*
12/12	7 p.m.	Warren*
12/15	7:30 p.m.	Stevenson*
12/19	7 p.m.	Libertyville*
12/21	7:15 p.m.	Dundee Crown
12/26	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
12/27	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
12/28	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
12/29	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
12/30	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
1/3	7 p.m.	Grant*
1/6	7 p.m.	Lake Zurich*
1/9	7 p.m.	St. Charles East
1/13	7 p.m.	Zion-Benton*
1/18	7 p.m.	Lake Forest*
1/20	7 p.m.	Warren*
1/24	7 p.m.	Stevenson*
1/30	7 p.m.	Libertyville*
2/3	7 p.m.	Lake Zurich*
2/6	7 p.m.	Grant*

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Brooke, and Toni Knar, daughter of Mundelein boys head coach Dick Knar, are expected to play big minutes this season.

Other key players will be sophomore guard J.J. Sawchuk, junior point guard Courtney Bestler and junior forward Kelsey Weyers.

Evans said the roster offered some advantages compared to last season's squad.

"I think we should be able to get up and down the floor better than we did last year, and I think we're a lot deeper this year than last year," he said. "We can go nine or 10 deep."



The Mundelein varsity girls basketball team work on preseason drills.

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Mundelein varsity girls head coach Brian Evans talks with his team during a practice at the school.





## ROUND LAKE PANTHERS



"We should be able to exploit what the other teams give us. We should be able to have a lot of weapons on offense."

**Gary Edge**

Round Lake girls basketball head coach

### 2006 SCHEDULE

11/15	TBA	Harvard tourn.
11/16	TBA	Harvard tourn.
11/17	TBA	Harvard tourn.
11/19	TBA	Harvard tourn.
11/20	TBA	Harvard tourn.
11/28	7 p.m.	Lakes*
12/02	2:30 p.m.	Antioch*
12/06	7 p.m.	Wauconda*
12/08	7:30 p.m.	Warren
12/09	TBA	R.B./Wood.Tourn.
12/11	TBA	R.B./Wood.Tourn.
12/13	TBA	R.B./Wood.Tourn.
12/16	TBA	R.B./Wood.Tourn.
12/08	7 p.m.	Grant*
1/4	7 p.m.	North Chicago*
1/6	2:30 p.m.	Vernon Hills*
1/9	7 p.m.	Lakes*
1/11	7 p.m.	Lake Forest
1/13	2:30 p.m.	Antioch*
1/16	6 p.m.	Waukegan
1/20	2:30 p.m.	Wauconda*
1/23	7 p.m.	Highland Park
1/26	7:30 p.m.	North Chicago*
1/30	7 p.m.	Grant*
2/1	7 p.m.	Grayslake N.
2/3	2:30 p.m.	Vernon Hills*
2/6	7 p.m.	Stevenson

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# Experience on Round Lake's side

By **STEVE PETERSON**

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Round Lake High's girls basketball team is following the way of the gold miners this season.

The Panthers are "heading west" and hope to find riches to start the season at the Harvard Thanksgiving tournament.

"It is a good chance to see some different competition. It is five games in four days," Round Lake coach Gary Edge said of his team's trip to Deerfield.

A nine-win season last year is a good starting point for the Panthers and Edge hopes his team can continue to grow in this campaign.

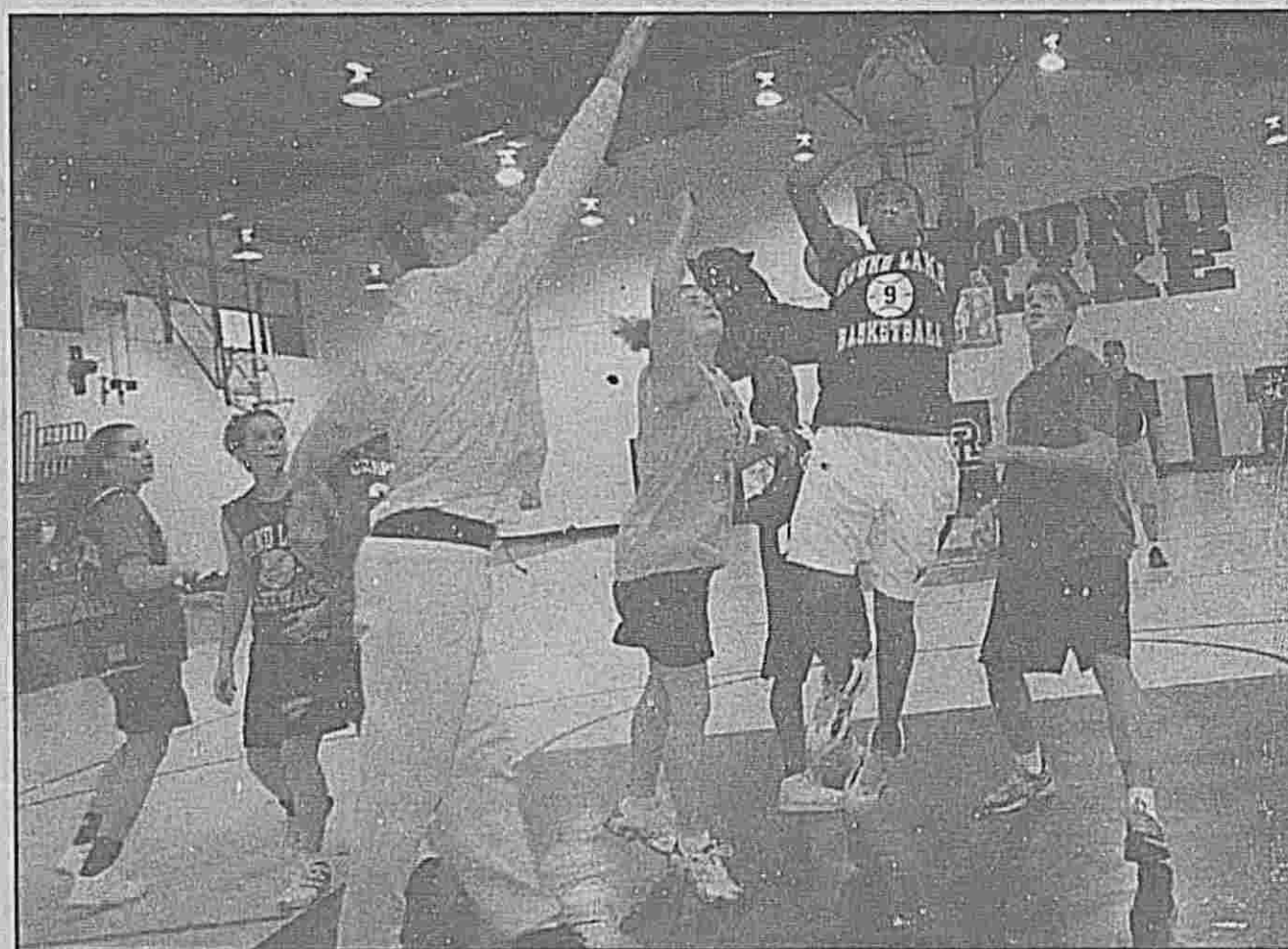
"Most girls played basketball all summer, and I was happy with preseason practices so far," Edge said.

There was one casualty to the summer ball, as Amanda Scrivner, a 5-9 senior, injured her ACL. The start to her season will be delayed until about December, Edge said.

"We were a young team last year, so we have seven players back who started at some time," Edge said.

Young teams in the past translate to experienced teams in the present, and senior guard Stephanie Morse, with her good shooting range, will be back to lead the Panthers.

Returning juniors are Brittany Kucia, a 5-7 guard; Jazzamin Rivers, a 5-6 guard; Amber Phillips, a 6-foot post; Ashley Miller, a 6-foot



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Round Lake High School's varsity girls basketball team scrimmage against coaches during one of the final preseason practices. The Panthers began the season in the Harvard Tournament.

post; and Labrenthia Murdock, a 5-9 guard.

"We should be able to exploit what the other teams give us. We should be able to have a lot of weapons on offense," Edge said.

Edge is in his 18th year coaching the Panthers girls, 24 total at Round Lake. So experience is something that Edge knows all about.

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## VERNON HILLS COUGARS



"We really don't have one scorer that can do everything, but we do have a pretty good team unit with speed."

**Paul Brettner**

Vernon Hills varsity girls basketball head coach

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/15	7:30 p.m.	Gleenbrook North
11/17	7:30 p.m.	Mundelein*
11/18	6 p.m.	Carmel*
11/22	6 p.m.	Grayslake N.*
11/25	TBA	Mundelein*
11/28	7 p.m.	North Chicago
11/28	7 p.m.	Stevenson
11/30	7 p.m.	Grayslake C.
12/2	2:30 p.m.	Grant
12/8	7 p.m.	Antioch*
12/12	7 p.m.	Stevenson
12/16	6 p.m.	Wauconda*
12/18	7 p.m.	Lakes*
12/21	7 p.m.	Highland Park
12/26	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
12/27	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
12/28	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
12/29	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
12/30	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
1/6	2:30 p.m.	Round Lake*
1/9	7 p.m.	North Chicago*
1/13	2:30 p.m.	Grant*
1/18	7 p.m.	Antioch*
1/23	7 p.m.	Deerfield
1/26	7:30 p.m.	Wauconda*
1/30	7 p.m.	Lakes*
2/3	2:30 p.m.	Round Lake*
2/6	7 p.m.	Lake Zurich

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## Vernon Hills relies on strategy to win

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**

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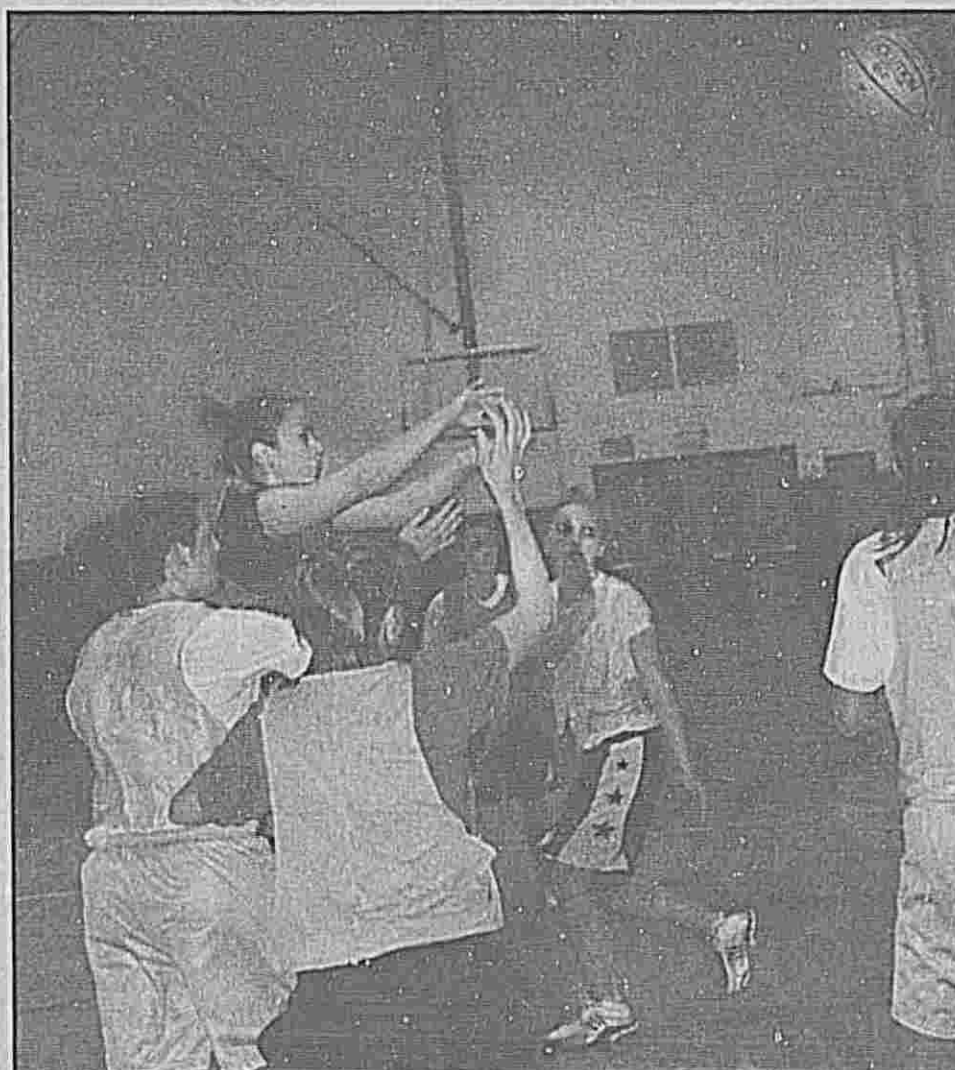
Coaches can't coach height, but they sure can coach everything in between.

That's the scheme Vernon Hills Cougars coach Paul Brettner will be using this season as his Cougars go to battle. With only two players at 5-10 and above, Vernon Hills might not have height, but they do have lots of strategy.

"We're going to screen a lot; we'll have to create for each other on offense," Brettner said. "We're a man-to-man team on defense, but we're going to go full-court. We lack a lot of height, but we're going to stress blocking out and really going for the boards, if we do those things well, we'll be able to win some games."

Only four seniors pepper the Vernon Hills roster this season. Senior guard Lauren Rucks will be feeding the ball to classmate post players Yeh-Eun Jin, Allison Jordan and Amber Miller.

In addition to his most tenured players, Brettner said he has some up-and-comers ready to contribute from a sophomore



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Vernon Hills' girls basketball team scrimmages in preseason.

team that went 15-10 last season.

"We lost a couple of seniors last year, but the sophomore

team was pretty solid, but this

year's seniors are ready to contribute," Brettner said. "Yeh-Eun

[Jin] is a gifted scorer who can shoot from everywhere. She's even got a pretty good three-point shot. Lauren [Rucks] is a steady defensive player."

In addition to his seniors, Brettner has a number of players in the junior ranks that could make a splash on this year's roster. Guard Brianna Skeens is a name that Vernon Hills fans should get used to, while Kelly Nagle will be moving from shooting guard to point guard to guide this year's team.

"We will definitely have more of a slashing team," Brettner said. "We really don't have one scorer that can do everything, but we do have a pretty good team unit with some speed. We also don't have much height, but we hope that we'll be able to outrun a lot of teams."

The height part of the equation will be taken care of by 6-foot junior Amy Burton. Brettner is banking on Burton as a center, thanks to her good work ethic and physical power, which should help her down in the trenches.

With these chess pieces, the Cougars are hoping to win a few more games than last season.

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## WARREN BLUE DEVILS



"We lost a lot of leaders, but we're still close to what we were last. We still have a core group of girls who can lead this team."

**Sarah Boothe**

Warren varsity girls basketball center

### 2006 SCHEDULE

11/16	4 p.m.	New Trier Tourn.*
11/18	Noon	New Trier*
11/22	7 p.m.	Loyola*
11/24	2:30 p.m.	Marshall*
11/20	TBA	Harvard tourn.
11/28	7 p.m.	Zion-Benton*
12/02	7 p.m.	Lake Zurich*
12/08	7:30 p.m.	Round Lake
12/09	4 p.m.	Fenwick
12/12	7 p.m.	Mundelein*
12/14	7 p.m.	Lake Forest*
12/16	2:30 p.m.	Libertyville*
12/21	TBA	Blue Devil Classic.
12/22	TBA	Blue Devil Classic.
12/23	TBA	Blue Devil Classic.
12/27	TBA	Blue Devil Classic.
12/28	TBA	Blue Devil Classic.
1/6	7:30 p.m.	Stevenson*
1/9	7 p.m.	Zion-Benton*
1/12	TBA	Willowbrook Shootout
1/13	2:30 p.m.	Lake Zurich*
1/15	TBA	MLK Dream Classic
1/20	7:30 p.m.	Mundelein*
1/22	6 p.m.	Zion-Benton J.V.*
1/26	7:30 p.m.	Libertyville*
1/27	2:30 p.m.	Lake Park
1/30	7 p.m.	Lake Forest*
2/2	7:30 p.m.	Stevenson*
2/6	7 p.m.	Lakes

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*\* denotes New Trier Thanksgiving Tournament*

# New team, same goal: state

Girls inspired by boys soccer team's state run

By **DANIEL J. PATRICK**  
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Four years is a long time in the world of prep basketball. For a coach, it's the time to show that regardless of what the predecessor did, it's time to stand on their own.

Even though Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz inherited quite an impressive tradition from Bruce Cambell, Stanczykiewicz has taken the Blue Devils' tradition and run with it. During his tenure, the Blue Devils have never lost more than eight games and have racked up an 80-18 total record.

Well, according to star center Sarah Boothe, Warren's winning is one tradition that won't be changing any time soon.

"We want to win this year," Boothe said. "We should."



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Warren's girl basketball team stretches before practice. The girls began the season with the New Trier Tournament.

Warren will have to do without the likes of five seniors who logged considerable minutes last season. While Liz Blaz, Jessica Bollinger, Brittney Jones, Giuliana Lopez and Lisa Vitale had a big presence on the floor, Boothe thinks this team has good leadership.

"We lost a lot of leaders, but we're still close to what we were last year," Boothe said. "We still have a core group of girls [who] can lead this team."

The core that Boothe speaks of includes seniors Melanie Duplessis and Deanna Payne. However, the Blue Devils will have to do without Stacey Leach. Leach endured a knee injury in the summer.

Despite the loss of Leach, veterans such as 6-3 forward Lory Shaw and Erin Norwood and Shana Shepherd will be at Stanczykiewicz's disposal.

Besides major talent on Warren's roster, another Blue Devil team has given the girls

basketball squad extra inspiration for a deep run in the IHSA Tournament. After Warren's boys soccer team came within a goal of winning the school's first state championship, Boothe said her team is even more motivated to do some special things.

"We would love to go to state, especially after watching our soccer team go," Boothe said. "We want to win and we want to do it together as a team."

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## WAUCONDA BULLDOGS



"We also are a quick team. As opposed to having one of two players that can run the floor, we have five or six."

**Tim Bartusch**

Wauconda varsity girls basketball head coach

# Wauconda features talented, experienced roster

## Quickness adds to Bulldogs capability

By **STEVE PETERSON**

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It is still the rule, rather than the exception, for athletes to play two or even three sports at smaller high schools.

Wauconda has long been one of those schools, but the times, they are a-changin'.

"In the past, we have had good athletes, but players who also played volleyball or softball or track," said headcoach Tim Bartusch. "Now, we have more players whose main sport is basketball. They have a better understanding of the game, so we don't have to start from square zero."

Aside from added experience, Bartusch thinks he has a little natural talent on his side for the 2006-07 campaign.

"We are also a quick team. As opposed to having one or two players that can run the floor, we have five or six," Bartusch said.

Lauren Mead returns with her 13.8 points per game along with three seniors dotting the roster.

Mead brings back experience garnered from both her time with Wauconda and extensive work with AAU teams. However, she is not the only weapon Wauconda is bringing to the table.

Junior Amanda Gertz, is back at off-guard. Courtney Kimes, who prepares for basketball season by running cross country, also returns.

Juniors Kelly Frediani and Katie Born, a talented rebounder despite a small 5-foot-5-inch frame, also are back. Newcomer Veronica Torres adds a shooting threat at guard as she was a top scorer on the sophomore squad last year.

"We expect them all to play tough defense," Bartusch said.

Other key seniors are

### 2006 SCHEDULE

11/13	7 p.m.	Richmond Burton
11/16	TBA	Marion C. Tourn.
11/17	TBA	Marion C. Tourn.
11/21	TBA	Marion C. Tourn.
11/28	7 p.m.	Mundelein
12/2	2:30 p.m.	Lakes*
12/6	7 p.m.	Round Lake*
12/8	7:30 p.m.	Grant*
12/9	TBA	Wauconda Tourn.
12/12	TBA	Wauconda Tourn.
12/14	TBA	Wauconda Tourn.
12/16	6 p.m.	Vernon Hills*
12/19	7:30 p.m.	North Chicago*
1/3	7 p.m.	Crystal Lake C.
1/6	2:30 p.m.	Antioch*
1/8	7 p.m.	Grant*
1/13	2:30 p.m.	Lakes*
1/20	2:30 p.m.	Round Lake*
1/23	6 p.m.	Glenbrook North
1/26	7:30 p.m.	Vernon Hills*
1/30	7 p.m.	North Chicago*
2/3	2:30 p.m.	Antioch*
2/6	7:30 p.m.	Lake Forest*

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Katrina Eiserman, a 5-7 post player; Beth Eklund, who is known for her steady shooting; and Patrice DaCosta, a 5-5 wing player.

Freshman Kate Martino has the early lead at point guard and junior Katie LePage also is back at guard. LePage played point last year.

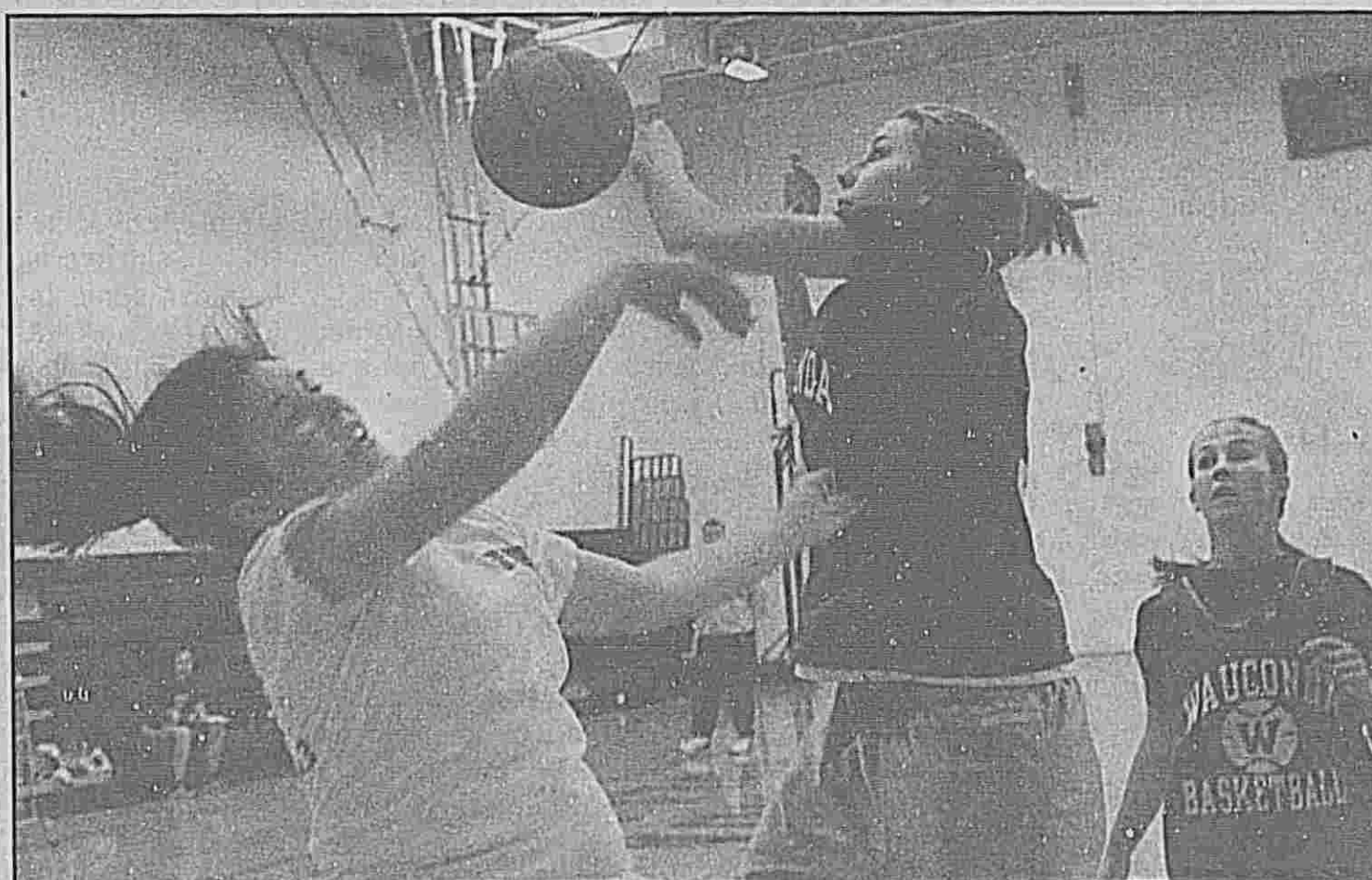
New to the team is transfer student Kelsey Pizur, from Carmel. Jackie Schumann is a guard who played club soccer.

Wauconda opened the season Nov. 13 by hosting Richmond-Burton.

Richmond also is a foe at the early-season Marian Central Tournament.

As for how it's all going to turn out, Bartusch has reserved judgment, but is optimistic for what the season will bring.

"We're not sure about wins and losses yet. We still have some injuries, though, as we haven't had the full team yet," Bartusch said.



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Wauconda High School's Lauren Mead (center) deflects a pass by Katie LePage during a scrimmage practice game.



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Wauconda's varsity girls basketball team warms up during the beginning of practice as they prepare for the upcoming season. The Bulldogs began the season against Richmond Burton. The results were not ready at press time.





## WAUKEGAN BULLDOGS



"We're really in an adjustment period right now. We're still young, but we're taking the baby steps we need to get better."

**Romell Drake**

Waukegan varsity girls basketball head coach

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/14	7 p.m.	Maine East
11/17	TBA	Deerfield Invite
11/18	TBA	Deerfield Invite
11/21	TBA	Deerfield Invite
11/24	TBA	Deerfield Invite
11/25	TBA	Deerfield Invite
11/28	7:30 p.m.	Niles North
12/1	7:30 p.m.	Maine South*
12/5	7:30 p.m.	Glenbrook South*
12/8	7:30 p.m.	Niles West*
12/11	7 p.m.	Carmel
12/15	7:30 p.m.	New Trier*
12/19	7 p.m.	Zion-Benton
12/22	6 p.m.	Evanston*
12/26	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
12/27	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
12/28	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
12/29	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
12/30	TBA	Mustang Hol. Tourn.
1/9	7:30 p.m.	Glenbrook North
1/12	7:30 p.m.	Maine South*
1/13	12:30 p.m.	North Chicago
1/16	6 p.m.	Round Lake
1/19	7:30 p.m.	Glenbrook South
1/22	7:30 p.m.	Antioch
1/26	7:30 p.m.	Niles West*
2/2	7:30 p.m.	New Trier*
2/9	6 p.m.	Evanston*

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## Conference improvement a top priority

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Every team must go through the motions in order to achieve greatness. But for some, the road is longer than others. For Waukegan, the end of that road might finally be here.

Waukegan coach Romell Drake thinks there is a lot of work that needs to be done, but his Bulldogs are in better shape than last year's team.

When it was all said and done, Waukegan went 0-10 in the Central Suburban South and 8-18 overall.

According to Drake, improvement in the conference is a top priority for this season. Other than that, he's just looking to get the most out of his players.

"We're really in an adjustment period right now," Drake said. "We're still young, but we're taking the baby steps we need to get better."

With multiple returnees, Drake should have the shoes he needs to take those "baby steps" in style.

Waukegan has a number of weapons at the post position. Senior forward Sierra Shipley and 6-1 junior LaDonna Rhyan should give the Bulldogs plenty of options down low.

"LaDonna [Rhyan] will be big for us this

year. She's really done her work, so we expect some things for her," Drake said. "Sierra [Shipley], she's got the experience from four years on the varsity team."

Shipley's work has even garnered the attention of some Division I schools. Last season, she averaged 9.8 points and six rebounds a game, but Drake expects Shipley to double those totals this season.

"She [Shipley] just needs to really assert herself and work every minute of the game," Drake said. "If she can do that, she will be tough for anyone to stop, and hopefully that will open up doors for her in the future."

The future is now for two Bulldogs, as Drake believes two freshmen could be able to make an immediate impact for his team. Freshmen power forwards Julianne Warner and Sarah Angelos are already working with the varsity team and should log quality minutes right out of the gate.

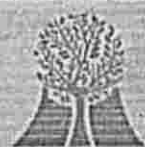
With an experienced roster and a couple of young guns ready to shoot, Drake thinks this truly could be the year that Waukegan fans have been waiting for.

"I think they're ready to take a big step up," Drake said. "They've been down for so long, and now they're finally going to do it. They're ready to do all the work that it takes to win, and that's definitely nice to see."



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Waukegan's Sarah Angelos dribbles during a preseason practice.



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# Area post players lament on basketball's 'dying position'

## • CENTER

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Beyond all the pushing and shoving, working for position without drawing the attention of a referee is more art than bull-headed strength.

"Posting up is the biggest part of being a center," Boothe said. "Posting up is so important for rebounding when you're trying to gain position. It's important for shooting because you have to gain position for a good shot, everything."

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More centers now are becoming all-around players. The offense [Grant] runs, the big people don't stay down low the whole time ... and a lot of centers now are starting to shoot so defenders can't camp down in the lane.

### Becka Gonyo

Grant girls basketball center

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"You also have to know when to stop," Boothe said. "Passing out of a double-team is also something that's really important for centers."

Well, there is all that mental stuff, but after it all, a big body never hurts.

"I think strength is really important," Gonyo said. "A lot of times, centers are really big and you get pushed around a lot down there. You need that strength so you'll be able to push people away."

### Dying art

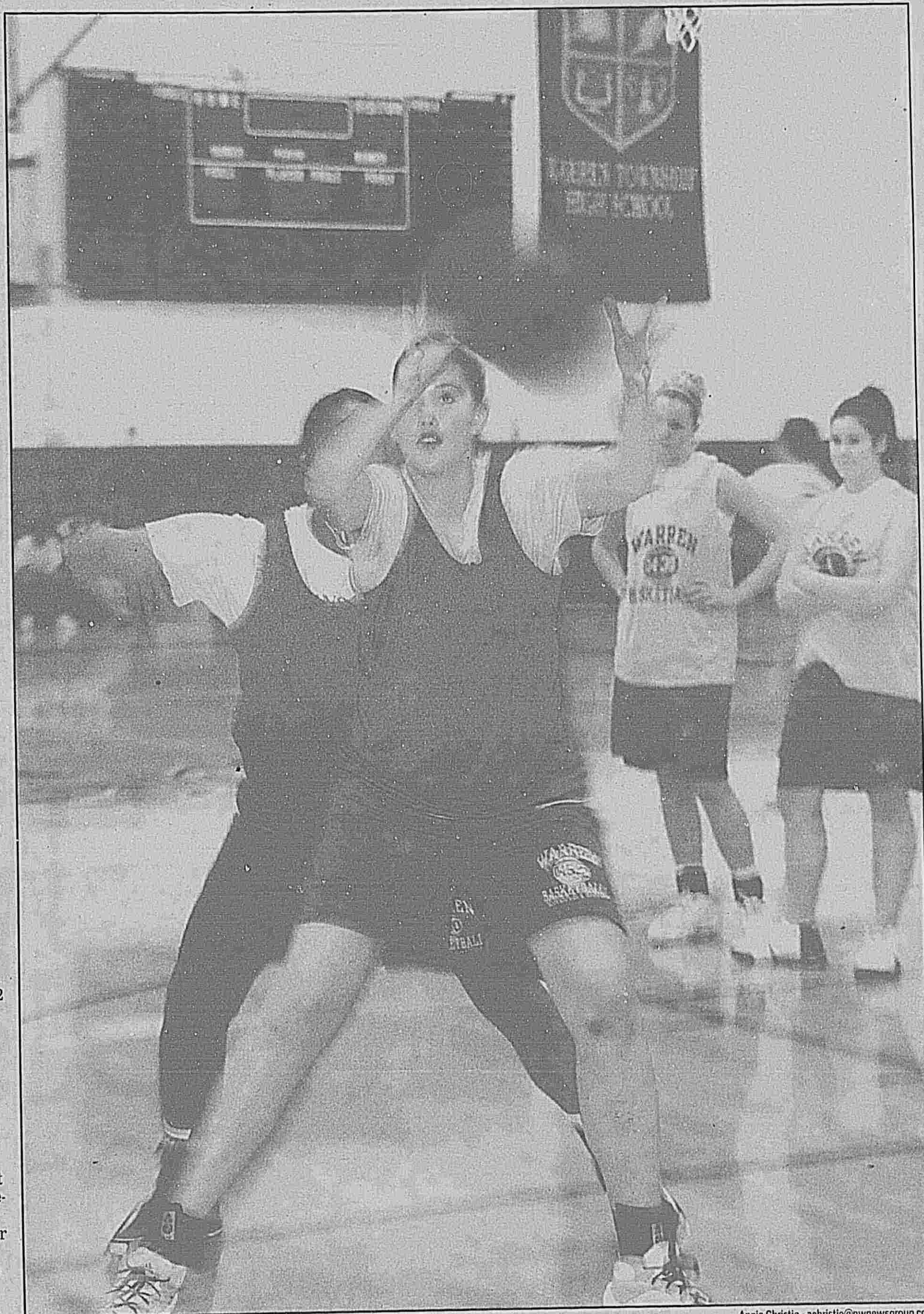
The traditional center position is considered to be endangered in the NBA. Shaquille O'Neal has gone so far as to nickname himself "LCL" for "Last Center Left." If that's true, then whenever O'Neal decides to hang up his size 22 sneakers, it will be the death of an era.

While prep basketball is a far cry from the NBA, the desire for more mobile, versatile post players as opposed to more traditional centers has trickled down to the high school level.

"More centers now are becoming all-around players," Gonyo said. "The offense [Grant] runs, the big people don't stay down low the whole time ... and a lot of centers now are starting to shoot so defenders can't camp down in the lane."

Regardless of whether or not the letter "C" is removed from the basketball vocabulary, players like Brodarick, Gonyo and Boothe will be happy to show fans just what a real center does today.

"There's nothing like it," Brodarick said. "I love it."



Warren High School's center, Sarah Boothe, posts up during a preseason practice.

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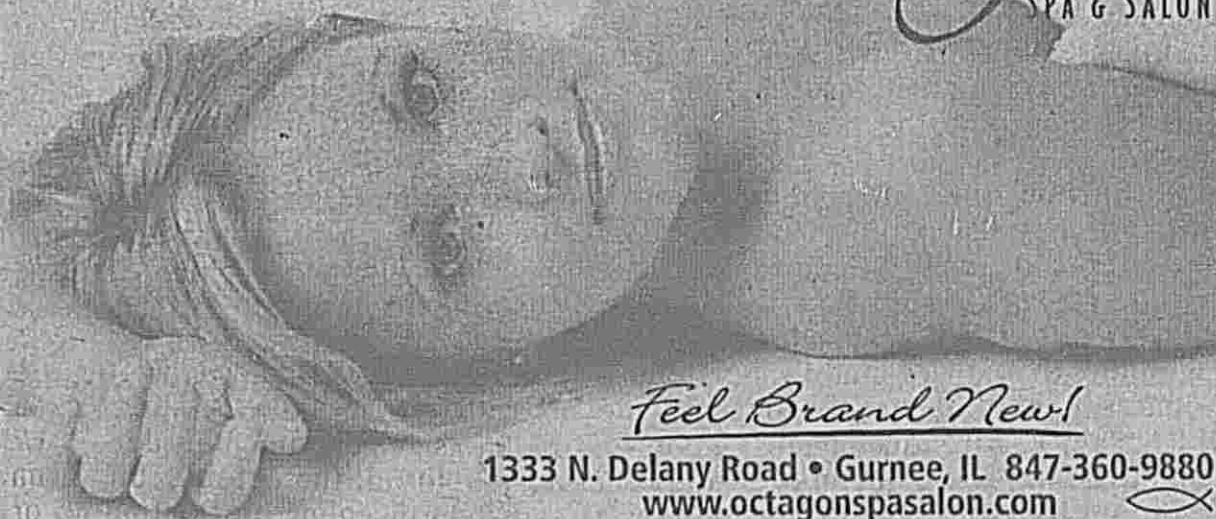
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# Prepare for the holidays

**A**lthough many people wait until the last minute to purchase a gift during the holidays, preparation is the easiest way to stay stress-free during an otherwise hectic gift-giving season. Follow these easy tips and you just may make it through another shopping spree and holiday feast. Make your list and check it twice.

Make a list of family and friends you typically exchange gifts with and add possible gift ideas throughout the year so you don't forget when it comes time to shop. Many online shopping sites will allow you to register for reminders and can help you with personalized gift ideas. Blue Mountain cards and Amazon allow you to sign up on their Web sites to receive an email prompting you about the upcoming Holidays and provide gift recommendations. Also, keep a list of items you'll need if you are hosting a party or what to bring if you plan to attend a family

gathering. Consider what outfits you'll need to keep you looking stunning at each event.

## Personalize your gift

Getting a personalized gift that matches your friend or family member's personality and interest is far more special. For example, if one member of the household likes decaf coffee and the other regular, give them the new Home Café single cup coffee maker that brews coffee-house style coffee in just one minute. Or, if they love fruit, consider a year's supply through a fruit of the month club. You can personalize a housewarming gift too. Offer to bake homemade cookies or create a special holiday message to wrap around a bottle of wine.

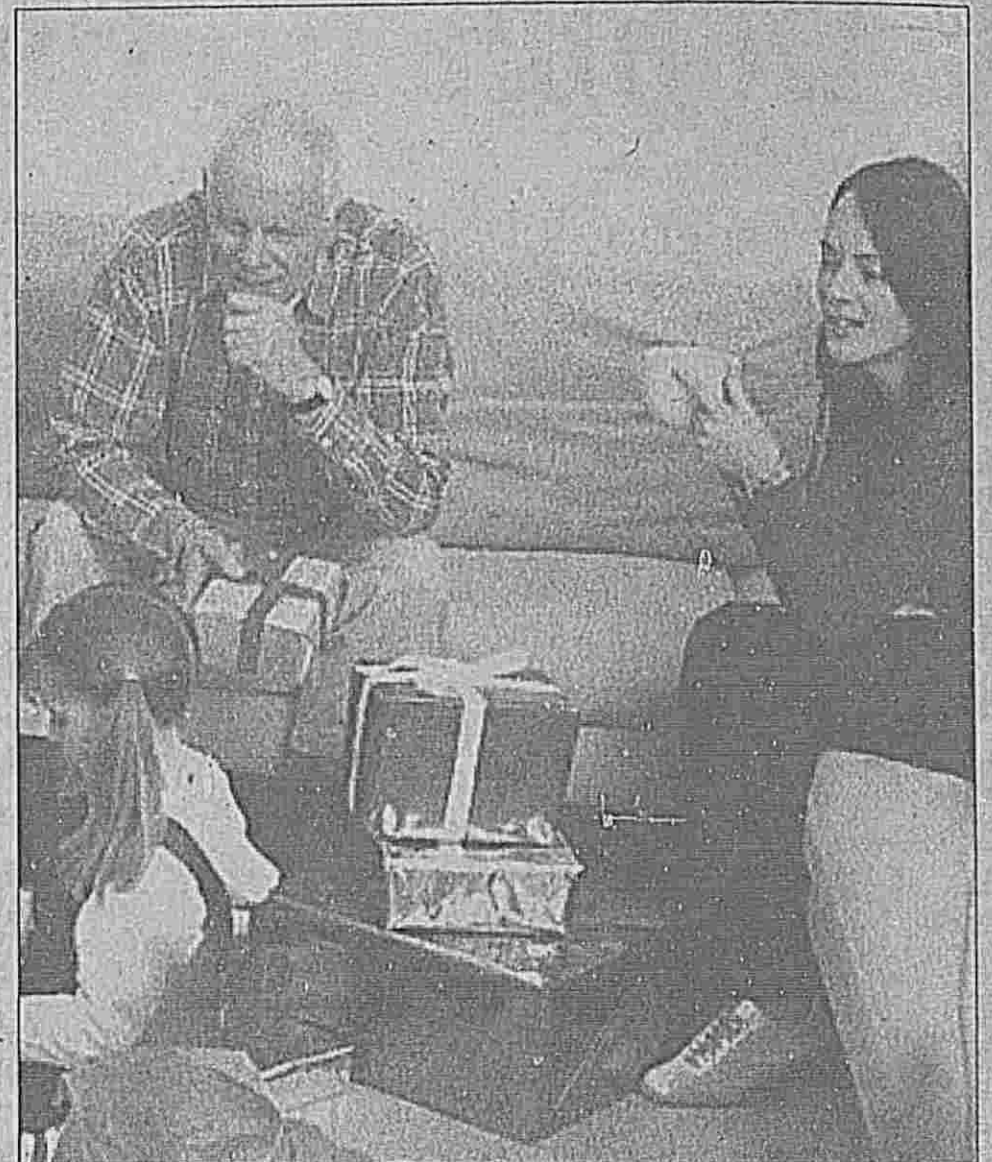
## Beat the crowds

Have a shopping strategy in advance to avoid long lines. Decide what gifts to purchase in

advance, shop earlier during the season and during off-peak hours, such as first thing in the morning or late in the evening. Online shopping is the easiest way to avoid harried shoppers since you never have to leave your home and don't have to wrap your own gifts.

## Season's Greetings

Make sure your address book is updated throughout the year so you are not caught without the proper information as you prepare to send out season's greetings. Many online sites and card stores allow you to create a custom message and sending e-cards is becoming far more typical, not to mention easier. Consider sending a personalized photo card to friends and family. Extend your list to include acquaintances, current and former co-workers and distant relatives. It is a great way to say you care and keep in touch. Make sure to include a personal message inside and allow extra time for delivery.



Following these simple steps to get ahead this season will help you enjoy the Holidays even more.

# Recognizing video game ratings

**W**ith the holidays right around the corner, video games may seem like an easy buy for kids and a winning gift idea. While most people are familiar with the movie ratings system, many may not understand how to select age-appropriate video games.

Over the years, a handful of games have come under fire for what many people perceive to be content that is far too illicit for young kids and even teenagers. Parents nationwide have expressed concern over how to decipher just what is and isn't appropriate video game material for their children. Such concerns can go unnoticed by relatives looking to give their nieces or nephews their favorite video game come the holiday season.

Fortunately, there's a system in place to assist parents and gift-givers alike when it comes to video games and kids. Experts recommend the following guidelines to manage a family's home use and enjoyment of video games. All video games contain a ratings symbol on the front and back of the package.

The ratings symbols are as follows:

- **EC (Early Childhood)** - content suitable for persons ages 3 and older.

- **E (Everyone)** - content suitable for persons ages 6 and older.

- **E 10+ (Everyone 10 and older)** - content suitable for persons ages 10 and older.

- **T (Teen)** - content suitable for persons ages 13 and older.

- **M (Mature)** - content suitable for persons ages 17 and older.

Before purchasing a title, check the game content and skill-level requirements by carefully examining the packaging to see which age group the game is recommended for.

All video games have a content descriptor on the back of the product's packaging. These content descriptors provide more details about the product in terms of language, themes and other areas that may be of interest to consumers.

Examine the pictures and text on the packaging to get an idea of what the title is about. Make sure that the software is compatible with your gaming system.

## Kid-friendly games

The following three games are out this fall and are appropriate for teens and children alike:

**Call of Duty 3** is the follow-up to the #1 next-generation game and delivers the intensity of being closer than ever to the fury of combat during the Normandy Breakout, the historic campaign that made the liberation of Paris possible and brought the Allies a step closer to Berlin. Through a seamless narrative that delivers the rush of unrelenting battle and breathtaking action, players assume the roles of four ordinary Allied soldiers - American, British, Canadian and Polish - and are thrust onto an authentic, living battlefield for an unprecedented variety of combat, with advanced high-definition graphics, detailed character animations and explosive on-screen action, delivering the most immersive and cinematic

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## Tony Hawk's

**Downhill Jam** lets players experience the breakneck

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**Over the Hedge®: Hammy Goes Nuts!** is an all-new adventure featuring the stars of



Balancing a grind on Tony Hawk's Downhill Jam.

DreamWorks Animation's hit film "Over the Hedge" and the videogame of the same name. This time around Hammy is at the helm of the group and together with RJ the raccoon, Verne the turtle and friends, they take yet another trip into the 'burbs, where they encounter new situations, challenges and enemies. The game features numerous missions, foes and heists on the PSP, Nintendo DS and Game Boy Advance and takes advantage of each system's capabilities, providing players with three unique experiences. Over the Hedge: Hammy Goes Nuts for the Nintendo DS and GBA are rated "E" by the ESRB. The PSP® (PlayStation®Portable) system version has not yet been rated by the ESRB.



# Gobble up turkey on Thanksgiving

There's a good chance that this holiday season you'll be serving turkey at your family gathering. Not only a crowd-pleaser, turkey is a versatile meat that lends itself to a variety of side dishes and condiments.

However, if you've found that preparing turkey isn't one of your specialties, or that guests seem less than anxious to "gobble" up your turkey feasts, you may benefit from some of these helpful tips, courtesy of WhatsCookingAmerica.net

- Want a truly fresh turkey? Go for a frozen bird, which is frozen immediately after it's prepared. Fresh turkeys can sit in your grocery store for days.

- Allow adequate defrosting time. For example, a 20-pound turkey requires four full days of defrosting in the refrigerator (the safest method of defrosting to avoid bacterial growth). Remove the giblets and neck as soon as they can be pried off

- Use a shallow roasting pan for cooking. A deep roasting pan will only steam it.
- Do not stuff your turkey in advance as bacterial growth can spoil uncooked turkey. Just before roasting, stuff the body and the neck of the turkey. Do not pack in the stuffing, as it will expand during cooking.

If packed in too tightly, the stuffing will be very dense instead of light. Sew the abdomen closed and sew the legs together, putting them close to the body so that the stuffing cooks evenly.

- Roast your turkey breast-side down on a v-shaped rack until its last hour or so in the oven. Then turn it to brown the breast. The result is a moister white meat.

- Don't rely on the "plastic button" to pop and inform you your turkey is done — you could overcook it. Choose a reliable meat thermometer instead. A turkey is ready when the thermometer reads 145 F.

- Baste your turkey frequently to ensure moister meat.

- Let the turkey rest for 20 to 30 minutes after it has cooked. Cover it with foil after it has been removed from the oven to let the juices redistribute through the bird, making for a juicier dish.

- A cooking bag makes cooking your turkey easy. The cooking juices do not evaporate, so the bird is constantly basted. Also, clean up is much easier because you won't have burnt drippings on the bottom of your pan.

## Cooking the Turkey

- Never brown or partially cook turkey to refrigerate and finish cooking later. It is safe to partially cook or microwave turkey if it is immediately transferred to a hot grill or oven to finish cooking.

- It is not necessary to baste a turkey. Basting throughout the roasting process is unnecessary. Pouring juices over a turkey's surface while it roasts will not make the meat juicier. The liquid penetrates only about 1/8 to 1/4 of an inch beneath the skin and most of the juice will run off into the pan. Opening the oven door periodically to baste a turkey can cool the oven and possibly lengthen the roasting time.

Roasting Method: The open pan roasting method will consistently create a juicy, tender, golden brown, picture-perfect turkey.

- Place thawed or fresh turkey, breast up, on a flat rack in a shallow pan, 2 to 2 1/2 inches deep.

- Insert oven-safe meat thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh. Brush or rub skin with oil to prevent drying of the skin and to enhance the golden color.

- Place in a preheated 325 °F oven.

- When the skin is a light golden color and the turkey is about two-thirds done, shield the breast loosely with a tent of light-weight foil to prevent overcooking of the breast.

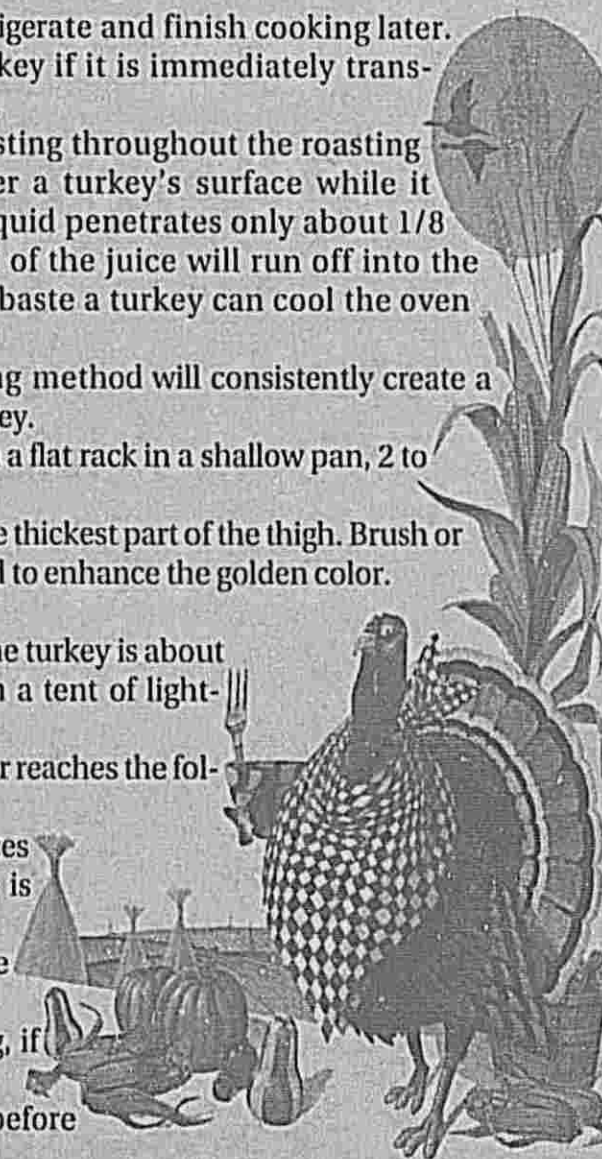
- Turkey is done when the meat thermometer reaches the following temperatures:

- 180 to 185 °F deep in the thigh; also, juices should be clear, not pink when thigh muscle is pierced deeply.

- 170 to 175 °F in the thickest part of the breast, just above the rib bones.

- 160 to 165 °F in the center of the stuffing, if turkey is stuffed.

- Let turkey stand for 15 to 20 minutes before carving to allow juices to set.\*



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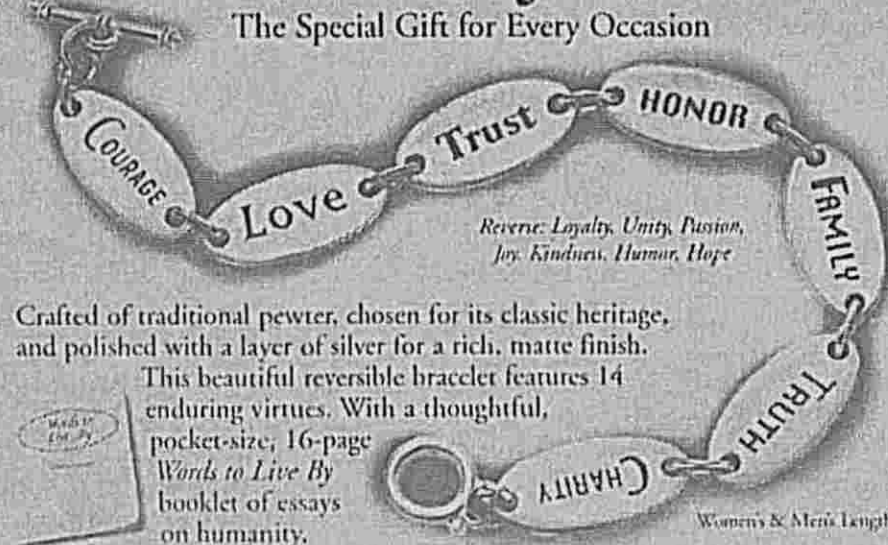
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Here are a few ideas that will give your home and table the freshest finishing touch for your holiday celebrations.

### Decorate your Christmas tree with flowers

In addition to traditional ornaments, give your fresh or faux evergreen tree an original look by arranging miniature vases with sprigs of fresh flowers among the branches. If you are saving your money for holiday shopping, take a look at your own traditional ornaments and convert them into miniature floral vases. For a simpler approach, visit your local florist for floral waterpics that will

keep your flowers fresh for days. Waterpic the flower stems and simply poke them among your tree's branches using strong florals with a crisp, wintery look such as roses, carnations, and Fuji mums. **Design a table to complement your holiday meal**

An attractive centerpiece has long been a holiday tradition. Visit your local florist for popular centerpiece styles to fit your seasonal décor. If this year's holiday table is balancing a larger crowd and smaller floral pieces may better fit your table, try small flower-filled glass vases placed at intervals up and down the table. Or try single or dual color schemes in each small vase such as bundles of tightly knit carnations in fall colors, or roses or mums.

Other creative and elegant table ideas include creating a colorful pattern of petals or blooms down the center of the table, acting as a floral runner. Or bring the fresh smell of the holidays to the table with a bough of evergreen in a clear bowl among floating candles for an elegant ambience.

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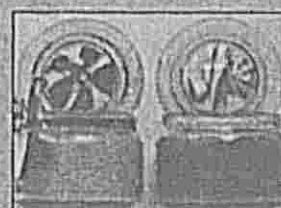
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port or other accepted document for entry into the United States by air or sea.

The purpose of the WHTI is to tighten security under the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (IRTPA).

This plan will be implemented in two phases:

1. January 8, 2007 - Passports, Merchant Mariner Documents (MMDs) or NEXUS Air cards would be required for all air travel, and most commercial sea travel, from within the Western Hemisphere for

citizens of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Bermuda. This is a change from the previously scheduled date of January 1, in order to accommodate holiday travel.

2. January 1, 2008 - The statutory deadline for all Western Hemisphere travel, including land border travel. The specific requirements for the land border crossing will be addressed in a separate rule-making in advance of this date.

Information courtesy of the U.S. Department of State

## Think unique for gift-wrapping ideas

Gift wrap heightens the sense of anticipation at any occasion by masking the identity of a gift until it's time to reveal the surprise. A well-presented gift can sometimes elicit as much excitement as unearthing what's stored within.

Too often people take the safe, and somewhat boring, route when gift wrapping, relying on preprinted papers or gift-wrap kits. That can leave gifts looking like carbon-copies of the others. For those looking for interesting and crafty ideas for wrapping presents, here are some unique ways to wrap that you may have not considered.

1. Gift boxes come in a variety of colors, so why hide them under gift wrap? Use the box itself to create a personalized package. Simply cut out patterns in the box, such as a snowflake, snowman, candle, etc., depending upon the occasion. Use a sharp cutting tool like an X-acto knife. Line the box with colored tissue paper, and the color will show through the cutouts you've created.

2. Wallpaper can be used for much more than just home decor. With its varied color palettes and styles, creating one-of-a-kind gift wrap is easy. While more expensive than paper gift wrap, wallpaper can lend a feeling of opulence to special gifts, such as jewelry, collectibles and more.

3. Fabric can also be put to use as gift wrap. It can cover awkward-shaped gifts not easily wrapped by paper. For those who are especially handy, fabric can be sewn to form gift sacks, stockings or wine cozies. Stock up on reduced-price novelty pattern fabric at a local craft store at the end of the season, so the fabric will be on hand come next year. Or browse the remnants bin for small pieces of fabric that can form a patchwork or wrap small gifts.

4. Other housewares items can also be used when wrapping. Use drapery tassels to tie up gifts in lieu of ribbon. It can make the gift look



elegant and expensive. With some drapery tassels costing about \$1.00 at a discount store, this can be an inexpensive touch that just looks like a lot was spent on it.

5. Make the wrapping part of the gift. Use decorative scarves, hair clips, towels and similar items.

6. Don't throw out all of those scraps of ribbon that often become left over. Weave them together so that they cover the lid and bottom of a gift box completely. The result will certainly be a unique gift wrap.

7. For those with a "Dollar Store" nearby, browse the aisles for other inexpensive trinkets or ideas into thoughtful and creative gift wrap.

8. Sometimes simple materials have the most impact. Brown postal paper stamped with a pattern and tied off with raffia will set gifts apart.

9. Creativity should not only lie in the gift wrap. Think of clever ways to present the gift to heighten the sense of anticipation. Have the gift recipient follow a set of clues on a "treasure hunt." Or hide the gift inside something else. For example, a ring set inside of a rosebud that has not yet opened will yield a wonderful surprise when the flower blooms.

Don't underestimate your own sense of creativity when wrapping gifts.

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## Mistletoe origins

Mistletoe is a plant that has a long history of use. It dates back to the ancient Druids who saw the plant as a sign of peace and goodwill. Warring parties would actually temporarily cease battle upon seeing mistletoe. Perhaps mistletoe is best known for love and fertility. In some European cultures, a kiss under mistletoe is a proposal of marriage. However, in the U.S., it is used merely as a sign of love and friendship and not a serious commitment. Men and women alike are encouraged to stand under the mistletoe in the hopes of receiving a kiss from their significant other - or to launch a new romance.



# CLC Prairie Spirits Dance Troupe hosts winter concert

**A**rtistic Director Valerie Alpert and 26 members of College of Lake County Prairie Spirits Dance Troupe will present a winter dance concert, "The Living Canvas," on Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Alpert has created a new piece called "The Living Canvas: A Moving Work of Art," a truly eclectic dance performance in which the dancers journey through various works of visual arts created specifically for this piece. Video images and abstract 3-D works of art by artist and former CLC student Sandra Vela, will engulf the stage. Terry Dixon, CLC art and multimedia faculty member, has written an original score for this work.

Guest choreographers for other dance pieces are Terry Crews, CLC dance faculty; Adrienne Clancy, artistic director of ClancyWorks Dance Company based in the Washington, D.C. area; and Melinda Criglar, a member of the faculty at Stephenson High School. Dancers will perform to the music of artists such as Peter Gabriel and Steve Reich.

The Winter Dance Concert will be held in the Mainstage Theatre of the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts in Grayslake. Tickets are \$9 for the general public and \$7 for CLC students, staff, Alumni Association members and seniors 65+. Tickets are

## CLC Prairie Spirits Dance Troupe members

Holly Feric, Antioch; Ta'Neshia Thompkins, Beach Park; Silviya Noncheva, Des Plaines; Lamaiya Lancaster, Grayslake; Jessica Madonia, Grayslake; Julie Steplyk, Grayslake; Cary Rinchich, Green Oaks; Kat Campos, Gurnee; Lisa Jacobs, Gurnee; Joey Morreale, Ingleside; Alana Johnson, Island Lake; Sandy Huert, Mundelein; Mayra Pena, Mundelein; Megan Schroeder, Lake Villa; Allison VanLier, Lake Zurich; Gina Cundari, Round Lake; Matt Kinney Round Lake; Amanda Swanson, Round Lake; Brittney Garcilazo, Vernon Hills; Sarah Garrett, Wauconda; Daniela Castellanos, Waukegan; Terie King, Waukegan; Erica Lang, Waukegan; Claudia Mendoza, Waukegan; Michelle Yabut, Waukegan; Jud Gambill (rehearsal assistant), Zion.

available at the CLC Box Office, by calling 847-543-2300 or at [www.clcillinois.edu/tickets](http://www.clcillinois.edu/tickets)

The next dance department performance at CLC will be the 9th Annual Fear No Art Festival on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. and May 6 at 2 p.m. in the Studio Theatre. Fear No Art showcases a variety of arts including dance, music, poetry and the visual arts in a celebration of the visions, inspirations and creations of the students and community members of the College of Lake County. Auditions will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27 in room P 103. For more information, contact Alpert at (847) 543-2432 or Crews at (847) 543-2610.



Julie Steplyk of Grayslake will perform in the College of Lake County Prairie Spirits Dance Troupe winter dance concert, "The Living Canvas," on Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Now is the time to enjoy a

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All I really want this holiday season is a warm home, a loving family to share all of my blessings with and,.....



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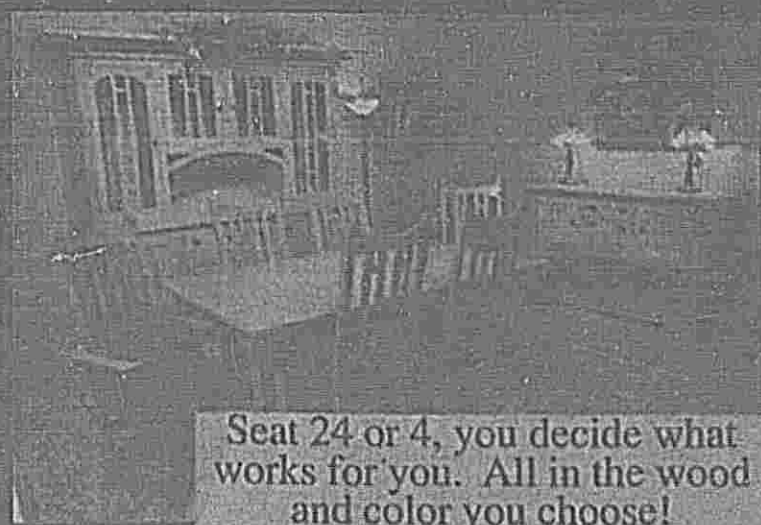
That's right Santa, **The Amish Furniture Shoppes in Deerfield and Gurnee** have the most beautiful handcrafted furniture in the world. I never thought Amish made furniture would look like this, but it does Santa. Please... Please... Please...Santa.....

Don't Worry Santa, You Won't Have Any Payments Or Interest Untill April 08!!!\*

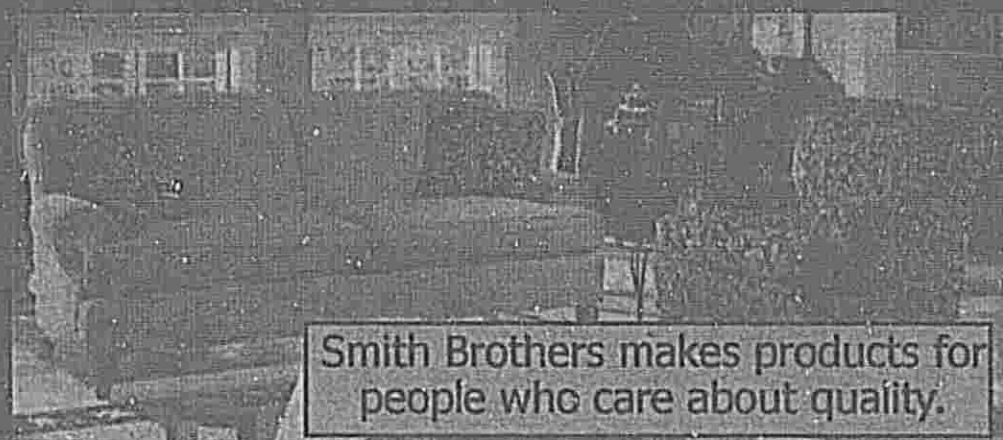
**Only Nov. 17th thru Dec. 3rd**

Or Something For The Entire Family!

...Maybe a beautiful hardwood Dining set from The Amish Furniture Shoppe's in Deerfield and Gurnee. I've been there Santa, you've gotta see them all, lined up one after another, dining room and kitchen sets, bedroom sets, desks and entertainment centers in cherry, quartersawn oak, maple and even combinations of hardwoods. You can pick your wood, stain and even customize your furniture there. Please Santa, I have been fantastic, great, well, I've been pretty darn good all year....



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Actually Santa,  
A New Sofa Would Be Nice Too!!!!...

The Amish Furniture Shoppes in Deerfield and Gurnee have the highest quality upholstered furniture. I have had it with cheap furniture that doesn't last Santa. My old sofa has looked worse and worse every day that I have owned it! Besides Santa, a lifetime warranted sofa that you don't have to even start paying off the balance until April '08 is a pretty darn good deal. It's been a long year Santa, and I really have worked hard,

**\$ 50 BUCKS \$**

Bring in this ad between Nov. 17th and Dec. 3rd, and we will take 50 bucks off any new order of 500 dollars or greater. You can only use this once and not with any other offer. Its that simple! Come on in, you deserve it.

...You know what Santa, I can't stand it, you've gotta go to **The Amish Furniture Shoppe**. They are a nice family store, my friends all like thier furniture, and the timing is right!!! Besides, you look kinda Amish...



Happy Holidays... Yoder Clause

\* for all special orders, a 1/3rd deposit is required with order. Upon approved credit, you can start your payment on the balance in April 2008. See stores for all the details. Boy, I hate fine print. This really is a nice deal, where you can put off paying for the balance until way after the holidays, and still get a discount too!!! Have a great holiday season, I look forward to seeing you in either of our two stores in Deerfield and Gurnee..... Jim Fisher